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Oceania to lose Israel?

By HELEN SCHWAB

Israel's decision to withdraw from the Oceania qualifying tournament for the world under 16 championships has inspired hope that the Socceroos soon may be rid of Israel's senior team.

The senior Israelis were shut out to the Oceania World Cup qualifying group last year because Europe and Asia would not have them, for political reasons.

Israel proved to be Australia's toughest opponent in the Oceania section.

Europe however, is mellowing in its attitude to Israel. It accepted Israel to the European under 16 championships, which serve as the qualifying series for the world under 16 titles to be played next year.

Israel subsequently withdrew from the Oceania section, leaving New Zealand as Australia's only strong opponent.

ASF secretary Brian Emery said it was too late for Israel to join Europe for the Olympic Games and World Youth Championship qualifying series, but that there was real hope of a breakthrough for the 1988 World Cup qualifying tournament.

And there's another breakthrough on the horizon.

The ASF will propose at the next FIFA Congress in 1988 that the Oceania group winner, instead of playing off against a European or South American team for a place in the final, plays off instead against the third-placed Asian and African teams.

Those Confederations would jump at the chance of grabbing an extra final berth, and because Asia, Africa and Oceania have a majority over Europe, South America and CONCACAF in the voting, the proposal surely would be accepted.

Robson wants Dorigo

South Australia's Tony Dorigo took the first step last night (Tuesday) towards what he hopes will be an international career with England.

Dorigo, a defender with Aston Villa, played in the England under 21 side against Sweden even though he still is an Australian citizen.

England manager Bobby Robson has him in mind as a possible understudy to Kenny Sanson.

Kiwis dump Summer

By PAUL MOON

Steve Summer, New Zealand's captain during the 1982 World Cup, is the major omission from the squad named by NZ coach Kevin Fallon for the games against Australia on October 25 and November 2.

Injuries and the passage of time have jaded Summer, now 31, in recent seasons and it now appears that one of the outstanding figures in New Zealand soccer history has represented his country for the last time.

Even without Summer, the squad contains many familiar faces. Ten of its members played in last year's Oceania World Cup qualifying series. With exiled strikers Wynton Rufer (FC Zurich) and Colin Walker (Sheffield Wednesday)

unavailable, coach Kevin Fallon probably will rely upon two former English semi-professionals to stretch the Socceroo defence.

Andy Deeley, son of late 1950s Wolverhampton Wanderers and England star Norman Deeley, and ex-Manchester United apprentice Greg Brown have been neck and neck at the top of the Rothmans' National Soccer League goalkeepers' list throughout the current season and appear to be the most competent strikers available to Fallon.

However Darren McClellan, a member of New Zealand's youth team in Sydney for the Oceania Youth Tournament last year, is displaying immense promise and might

well be given the opportunity to gain experience against the Aussies.

Like McClellan, Mike McGarry, a 28 year old winger who has great pace and excellent ball control, represents the future of Kiwi soccer. Each has sufficient ability to be a member of All Whites selections for years to come.

Hard working midfielder cum striker Dave Witteveen has also forced his way into the squad. A player who has improved to a vast degree over the past year, he earned his place by virtue of many solid performances for the rejuvenated Mount Wellington.

Walker, Wynton Rufer, Declan Edge (Notts County) and Shane Rufer (Gisborne United) are all unavailable because of club duties whilst business commitments forced the with-

drawal of Ceri Evans (Christchurch United) shortly after the squad was named. His replacement will be named later this month.

The full squad is: Frank van Hattum (Auckland University), Clint Gossling (Newcastle Rosebud United), Richard Mulligan (Gisborne City), Rick Herbert (Mount Wellington), Malcolm Dunford (Wellington Diamond United), Kenny Cresswell (Gisborne City), Allan Boath (North Shore United), Grant Turner (Miramar Rangers), Dave Witteveen (Mount Wellington), Kevin Hagan (North Shore United), Duncan Cole (North Shore United), Mike McGarry (Dunedin City), Greg Brown (Miramar Rangers), Andy Deeley (Gisborne City), Darren McClellan (North Shore United).

Threat to Cross, Croatia

Newcastle Rosebud is making a last-ditch bid to save its NSL status. If it succeeds, Melbourne Croatia or George Cross will make way for Newcastle in the new, 14-team league planned for 1987.

Newcastle currently is in 15th spot in the table compiled by "Soccer Action", using the NSL's formula for selection in the new league.

That formula awards points for past performance, current league standing and crowd support.

"Soccer Action" always has stressed that the crowd figures it uses are not official. The NSL will release the official crowd figures and the names of the 14 teams who have avoided the cut next week.

Here are the standings, according to "Soccer Action":

- 90.0 Syd. Croatia
- 82.9 B. Juventus
- 82.7 Heidelberg
- 80.5 Syd. Hakoah
- 76.5 Syd. Olympic
- 71.4 JUST
- 70.1 SM-Hellas
- 67.6 St. George
- 62.9 Marconi
- 62.7 Ad. Juventus
- 58.0 Makedonia
- 54.6 APIA
- 49.5 Geo. Cross
- 49.1 M. Croatia
- 45.8 Newcastle
- 42.3 B. Lions
- 41.2 Woll'gong
- 41.0 Ad. Hellas
- 33.7 Blacktown
- 27.0 Canberra
- 24.6 I. Monaro
- 24.0 Bris. City
- 20.4 G. Gully
- 19.9 Cant'bury

Newcastle to snub NSL?



Les Shorrock

Outspoken Ernie Lamb, secretary of Newcastle-Rosebud, dropped a bombshell last weekend when he said that even if Newcastle qualified for the 1987 14-team NSL, it may not participate.

The uncertainty over gaining sponsorship of the league is the main trouble, according to Lamb.

Although the league management has known since last October that the new format was a goer, it has so far failed to come up with a definite major sponsor for next year, and clubs on the fringe of qualifying, especially those in the Northern Division like APIA and Newcastle, are

getting very nervous about the extra travelling costs involved.

Then there also is the matter of club sponsorship. As Lamb puts it: "Sponsors aren't daff. They want to know what sort of competition you are going to be playing in before they commit themselves."

"It all boils down to this — unless the league's executive director, Stefan Kamasz, is able to pro-

duce a sponsorship deal signed, sealed and delivered at the next council of clubs meeting on September 27, I'm afraid I cannot commit Newcastle-Rosebud to the extra \$45,000 it would cost us to stay in the league."

Newcastle is unhappy about the criteria for deciding the make-up of next year's 14-team competition, feeling that it is too

vague and open to manipulation.

"We have always felt that forming the new league from the top seven clubs from the present two divisions was the best idea. At the last council of clubs meeting in July, two clubs actually admitted that they didn't understand the for-

mula, even though they had voted for it in the first place!" said Lamb.

"As I said to league chairman Sam Papisavas: 'If you were still a club president, how would you like to explain to your supporters that your club had missed out by the fourth decimal point?' Sam didn't reply."



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GARVEY TO QUIT

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey, "the quiet achiever", is certain to be coaching another club next season.

"I think three years is long enough to stay at one club," he said. "After that I think you need to look for a fresh challenge."

If Garvey does decide to quit the Bergers, he won't lack offers of a new challenge. His achievements in three years at Heidelberg will make sure of that.

And that success hasn't come through importing expensive players either.

It's no secret that Heidelberg has had its financial problems ever since it moved to the Olympic Village, but Garvey has made light of them.

His wheeling and dealing puts others to shame too. Most people were aghast when Heidelberg sold Charlie Yankos to Adelaide Hellas for \$30,000, but Garvey replaced Yankos with Ian Hunter from Brisbane Lions for \$16,000 and then, in a stroke of pure genius, switched ex-Socceroo midfielder Theo Elemidis to the sweeper's role with such success that Selemdis currently heads "Soccer Action's" Ametco Travel best player award voting.

— LES SHORROCK



● Former "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab presents Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey with his trophy for being named Victorian Coach of the Year in 1984.



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GREEN GULLY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Anzakis 6th, Russell 20th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1117.

GREEN GULLY Denys 6 — Hogben 3, Fraser 6, Grmoud 6, Carrell 5, Douglas 5, Quigley 3 (Carter 64th), McLelland 4, Cumming 6 — Spiten 3 (Campbell 64th), Ward 3. Coach Gus MacLeod.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS Laumets 4 — Russell 5, Anzakis 5, Craine 5 — Egan 4, Andriotis 4, Coach John Margantis.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Blair (SMH), 5 Cumming (GG), 4 Miranda (SMH), 3 McDowall (SMH), 2 Denys (GG), 1 Grmoud (GG).

BRISBANE CITY 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 838.

BRISBANE CITY Harrison 6 — Fabrizio 8, Perry 8, Vasquez 7, Archer 6 — Chapman 7, Mengotti 8, Catalano 6 (Lietten 77th) — White 6, Reis 7, Cooper 7 (Caird 80th) Coach Billy Wilkinson.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS Keogh 7 — Innes 7, Parton 8, Richardson 8, James 7, Campbell 6 — Faulkner 8, Ban 6, Edwards 6 (Mitten 71st) — Markovski 6 (Lennon 78th), Gilder 7. Coach John Gardner.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Perry (BC), 5 Richardson (SGC), 4 Mengotti (BC), 3 Faulkner (SGC), 2 Fabrizio (BC), 1 Parton (SGC).

ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Dunn 18th, Hristodoulou 23rd) MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Abrahams 44th, Lewis 52nd) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.

ADELAIDE HELLAS Sproul 8 — Brown 6, Dunn 7, Honeyman 8, Hearn 7, Hristodoulou 7, Panagis 6, Atsalas 6 (Manou 46th), Scott 9 — Ward 5, Konstantopoulos 6, Coach Edmund Kretz.

MELBOURNE CROATIA Runje 6 — Talajic 6, McIntosh 7, Hammond 7, Redmond 7 — Gajiga 6 (Gojevic 50th), Biskic 8, Campbell 7, Markovac 7 — Lewis 9, Abrahams 8, Coach Terry Hennessy.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Lewis (MC), 5 Scott (AH), 4 Sproul (AH), 3 Abrahams (MC), 2 Honeyman (AH), 1 Biskic (MC).

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Bertogna penalty 39th, Butler 79th) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1,102.

BLACKTOWN CITY Barry Hoare 6 — Peter Willis 8, Jeff Answorth 7, Peter Denyer 8, Steven Knight 6 — Paul Kay 6 (Thornthwaite 63rd), Gary Byrne 7, John Bradley 6 (Northam 46th), — Robbie Slater 8, Joe Carroll 7, Adam Sandy 7. Coach Casey de Bruin.

APIA LEICHHARDT Tony Pezzano 7 — Vic Bozanic 7, Arno Bertogna 8, Mark Brown 7, Zivko Hristovski 7 — Alex Bundalo 7 (Brady 78th), Darren Stewart 7, Terry Butler 9 — Edward Lorens 8, Allen Turnbull 7 (Beddini 85th), Tony Parton 7. Coach Rale Rasic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Butler (APIA), 5 Slater (BC), 4 Bertogna (APIA), 3 Denyer (BC), 2 Willis (BC), 1 Lorens (APIA).

Hokooch to tumble Nerves, JUST enters Lions' den

This week's games

This week's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Newcastle Rosebud v St. George (draw) at Adamstown Oval 7pm.

SUNDAY
SYDNEY CROATIA v Inter-Monaro at Croatian Sports Centre 3pm.
APIA-LEICHHARDT v Canterbury-Marrickville at Lambert Park 3pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Blacktown at Pratten Park 3pm.
Canberra City v Marconi at Bruce Stadium 3pm.
SYDNEY CITY v Wollongong at Sydney Athletic Field 3pm.
Brisbane Lions v Footscray (draw) at Richlands 3pm.
Adelaide City v Heidelberg (draw) at Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm.
South Melbourne Hellas v Brunswick Juventus (draw) at Middle Park 5pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Green Gully at Olympic Park 3pm.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v West Adelaide at Chaplin Reserve 3pm.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Brisbane City at Connor Reserve 3pm.



● Bugsy Nyskohus, that wily defender from Adelaide Juventus, was one of the men responsible for keeping Brunswick Juventus at bay at Olympic Park last Sunday. The match ended in a 0-0 draw. Picture:

NSL DETAILS

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Vukovic 74th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 4 (Campbell 1st & 70th, Heys 35th, Cole 83rd) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 6043.

JUST NIKITOVIC 1 — Vukovic 7, Kovacic 7, Zoric 37th, Barjakovic 7, Kane 5, Petrovski 7 (Bozowski 80th) — Stolic 7, Belic 6, Tapai 6 — Lujic 5, Spirk 4. Coach Dragoslav Sekulac.

MAKEDONIA Italianes 8 — McLennan 7, Woodall 7, Opasins 8, Iliossi 7 — Silkas 7, Campbell 9, Roodhouse 7, Heys 7 (inj. sub. van Egmond 6, 37th) — Cole 8, Lane 8. Coach Bill Murray.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Campbell (Mak), 5 Lane (Mak), 4 Cole (Mak), 3 Traianes (Mak), 2 Opasins (Mak), 1 Petrovski (JUST).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (R. O'Shea 76 pen, Ratcliffe 80) SYDNEY CITY SKOAN 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1550.

BUDAPEST GREY 7 — Kean 8 (Orszag 60th), Ratcliffe 9, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Ricosy 8, Moffitt 7 (Ollershaw 42nd), J. J. O'Shea 8 — Petrovski 7, Koczka 6, Fletcher 8. Coach Frank Arok.

SKOAN Hughes 8 — Hozar 8, Robertson 8, O'Connor (sent off 32nd), De Marigny 7 — Watson 7, Gomez (sent off 31st), McCulloch 10 — Farina 7, Lee 6, Shute 7 (Rodrigues 46th), 60th. Coach Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 McCulloch (H), 5 Ratcliffe (B), 4 J. O'Shea (B), 3 Hughes (H), 2 Hooker (H), 1 Ricosy (B).

WOLLONGONG 1 (Brodnik 76th) CANBERRA CITY 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1121.

WOLLONGONG Young 6 — Green 6, Chibby 8, Vlastra 7, Morland 8, Gerald 6, Gaffney 6, Stravanski 7, Kota miridis 6 (Batten 70th) — Brodnik 8, Easthorpe 7. Coach John Fleming.

CANBERRA Franken 9 — Mazis 7, Dunn 8, Harkins 6, Cant 6 — Bryant 6, Serranni 7, Hamilton 6, Junna 6 — Cero 5 (Kulcar 60), Lambosina 6. Coach Steve Bryant.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Franken (C), 5 Dunn (C), 4 Brodnik (C), 3 Morland (C), 2 Chibby (all W), 1 Serranni (C).

INTER MONARO 0 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 1 (McQuarrie 74th) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 303.

INTER MONARO Hozoswicz 6 — Gaggiti 7, Budini 6, Tulacz 5, Sella 5 (Trotter 71st), — Doronjic 7, Carbone 6, Wotherspoon 6 — D. Addario 5 (Wilcox 64th), Perinovic 5, Giampolo 7. Coaches: Steve Hozoswicz and Harry Williams.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD Gosling 7 — Meier 6, Jones 5, Bannion 7, Naisa 6, Cavanah 6, Crabtree 6, Mitrovic 5 — McQuarrie 7, Inham 6. Coach Peter Irving.

In another dramatic-packed NSL round, three players got their marching orders, and there was a major reshuffle in the Northern Division top five as Sydney Olympic leaptfrogged over Sydney Hokooch and Marconi to grab an almost certain double chance.

In the Southern Division, South Melbourne Hellas crept past Sunshine George Cross into fifth place as George's failure to score against Brisbane City put its 1987 League position once more in jeopardy.

St. George beat Sydney City in a bitter encounter which saw the Lions' new defence line after having Gerry Gomez and Steve O'Connor sent off, and only firm handling by referee Peter Spiers in his first NSL game preventing an all-time brawl from developing.

Hokooch now must win on Sunday against Wollongong which has probably kissed its 1987 NSL chances goodbye after losing to Canberra City. Another loss by Hokooch could see it drop out of the five if Marconi beats Canberra City this week.

But Marconi has its problems too, with Lee Sterry unavailable this week after being sent off in a spiteful match against Sydney Olympic.

Marconi was very unhappy after its loss, with coach Les Schenitug claiming that Olympic's first goal should have been disallowed for offside, and the game also was a personal disappointment for Mark Jankovic, coming on as a substitute for his 200 NSL appearance.

Marconi will know what it has to do to regain a final five spot after Saturday night when Newcastle Rosebud plays St. George.

A Newcastle win would put it beyond Marconi's reach, and Marconi then would need to pray for a Sydney City loss at home to Wollongong, even if it downs Canberra, a pretty remote scenario.

APIA's win over Blacktown effectively snuffed out Blacktown's 1987 hopes, and whilst only a mathematical miracle plus losses by both Sydney City

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Giampolo (IM), 5 Gosling (NR), 4 Bannion (NR), 3 McQuarrie (NR), 2 Djordjevic (IM), 1 Gaggiti (IM).

SYDNEY CITY 3 (Odzakov 14th, Arnold 27th and 83rd) CANTERBURY 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 3,274.

SYDNEY CITY Watson 8 — Jennings 8, Rumora 6 (A. Kovacic 60th), M. Kovacic 7, Savor 8 — Clinch 7, Odzakov 9, Jurin 8 (Rezo 55th) — Lamond 8, Arnold 9, Petkovski 7. Coach Vedron Rozic.

CANTERBURY Barker 3 — Svinos 7, Hantzis 6, Kalogeras 6, Fernatis 7 — Zaimi 8, Zilic 7, Borges 6 — Akoutas 6, Arambasi 7, Lucata 6 (Marnos 66th) Coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Odzakov (Syd C), 5 Arnold (Syd C), 4 Lamond (Syd C), 3 Savor (Syd C), 2 Zaimi (Can), 1 Jennings (Syd C).

MARCONI 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Tredinnick 39th o.g., Kalantzis 71st) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,973.

MARCONI James 6 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Sterrey 6 (sent off 60th), Wheatley 7 (46th Jankovic 5) — Tredinnick 5, Gray 6, Gunning 8 — Lowe 6, Brown 5, Elali 5 (Rizzotto 72nd) Coach Les Schenitug.

OLYMPIC Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Cogdy 7, Brandt 8, Spanoudakis 7 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Estavillo 8 — Johnston 7 (Katholos 50th), 7, Soper (Patatis 29th), 6, Kalantzis 8. Coach Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Estavillo (SO), 5 Brandt (SO), 4 Gunning (MI), 3 Kalantzis (SO), 2 Henderson (MI), 1 Meier (SO).

HEIDELBERG 2 (Tsolkakis 38th, Selemidis 89th) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Drury 11th) at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 2,000.

HEIDELBERG Oliver 7 — McKie 6 (inj. Katsakidis 70th) A. Hunter 5, Selemidis 7, Pappas 6 — Luchesi 6, Marley 6, Valentine 6, Tsolkakis 5 — Brown 4, Wilson 7. Coach: Bran Garvey.

BRISBANE LIONS Evans 5 — R. Stewart 7, Jackson 7, Liddell 7 — Anderson 7, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 8, D. Hunter 7 (Muevay 85th) — Wright 7, Drury 7 (Richardson 66th), Morton 6. Coach: Col Bennett.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Ogden (Lions), 5 Oliver (Heid), 4 Selemidis (Heid), 3 Wright (Lions), 2 D. Hunter (Lions), 1 Jackson (Lions).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 1,000.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS Sanovic 7 — Lewis 7, Zendoorn 7, Brown 7, Campbell 6 — Palatisdis 7, Petersen 6, Wade 6, Cullen 7 — Patterson 6, Zinni 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS McNally 8 — Tobin 7, Nyskohus 7, Flounders 7, Shillabeer 6 — Melita 7, Santrac 7, Villani 6, Vidmar 6 — Mullen 5, Maxwell 7. Coach Edmund Kretz.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 McNally (A.J.), 5 Zinni (BJ), 4 Zendoorn (BJ), 3 Cullen (BJ), 2 Nyskohus (A.J.), 1 Flounders (A.J.).

And another draw at Middle Park could be on the cards too. Brunswick coach Len McKendry practically tore out his hair watching his players squander chance after chance against Adelaide Juventus, whilst progress scores from Schintler Reserve told of Preston Makedonia's mounting tally against Footscray JUST.

Brusnick's lack of a regular strike force has cost it dear this season, and is best illustrated by the fact its 34 goals have been shared by 12 players, whilst top scorer Andrew Zinni has scored only eight.

Sunshine George Cross will pull out the stops on Sunday to make sure victory against Adelaide Hellas, but it might be too late to assure it of a final five spot and indeed a place in next season's League.

Preston Makedonia coach Billy Murray, ever the optimist and bubbling over after his team's big win over JUST, still feels that Makedonia can make the five, but for that to happen, both South Melbourne and Adelaide Juventus would need to lose by big margins, plus a big Makedonia win, an unlikely combination.

With Brunswick Juventus and Heidelberg breathing down his neck, can he afford to play safe and settle for the draw, or must he go for broke to improve his goal-difference?

One thing is for certain, the telephone lines between Brisbane Adelaide and Melbourne will be running hot on Sunday afternoon.

The situation is so complicated that Footscray, given all the

Ansett.

OASL Southern Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F'CRAY JUST	10	7	28	26	27	
B. JUVENTUS	10	6	34	21	26	
H'BERG	9	8	35	23	26	
ADEL. JUVENTUS	9	7	30	19	25	
SM-HELLAS	10	5	27	17	25	
Geo. Cross	7	11	3	22	15	25
Preston Mak.	7	9	26	20	23	
Brn. Lions	7	4	10	27	18	
Ad. Hellas	7	4	10	24	30	18
M. Croatia	5	6	10	22	32	16
Brn. City	3	7	11	18	42	13
Green Gully	2	6	13	15	35	10

OASL Northern Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
S. CROATIA	13	4	4	40	16	30
OLYMPIC	8	9	4	32	22	25
ST. GEORGE	10	5	3	31	28	25
W. HAKOAH	8	8	5	36	25	24
NEWCASTLE	9	6	6	35	31	24
Marconi	8	7	6	32	23	23
APIA L'Hardt	8	6	7	22	23	22
W'gong	8	5	8	24	25	21
Blacktown	8	4	9	24	35	20
C'berra	5	6	10	21	24	16
C'bury	2	12	17	16	38	11
Inter Monaro	3	5	13	17	40	11

AMETCO AWARD

● Ametco Travel will award to the best player of the NSL a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Leading votegetters:

60. Selemidis (H), Slater (B).
55. Estavillo (SO).
54. Hunter (H).
51. Dobson (Mak), Cumming (GC).
50. Franken (Can).
49. Postecoglou (SMH), Bertogna (APIA).
47. Gosling (NR).
46. Stolic (JUST), Arnold (S.Cro), Jackson (BL).
44. Butler (APIA).
43. Lowe (Marc).
42. Wheatley (Marc), Wade (B.Juve).
41. Hannah (M. Cro), Honeyman (Ad.H).
40. Mullen (Ad.C), Palacios (Can), Ogden (BL), Hristodoulou (Ad.H), Zaimi (CM).
38. Ingham (NR).
37. James (SGC), Fraser (GG), Melita (Ad.C).
36. Baran (APIAN).
35. Crainnie (SMH).
34. Flounders (Ad.C), McDowall (SMH), Dunn (Can), Odzakov (S.Cr).
33. Liddell (BL), Yzendoorn (B.JUV), Ratcliffe (St.G).
32. Gilder (S.G.C.), Budini (IM), Zilic (CM), Cavanah (NR).
31. Kalantzis (S.O).
30. Rozic (S.Cr), E. Campbell (B.Juv), Giraldo (W).
29. Skeen (St.G), McLaren (SGC), Scott (Ad.H), Winn (IM).
28. Oliver (H).
27. Harrison (BC), Farina (S.Hak), Tapai (JUST).
26. Mengotti (B.C), Raskopoulos (S.O), Gojevic (M.Cr).

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Leading scorers:

16. Arnold (S.Cr).
12. Kosmina (S.C).
10. Jones (NR).
9. Brown (Marc), Lewis (M.Cr), Maxwell (Ad.C).
8. Hunter (H), Zinni (Juve), Cole (P.M), Latif (JUST), Ingham (NR), Jurin (S.Cr), Villani (Ad.C).
7. Giraldo (W), Brown (H), Carroll (B), Wright (BL), Cooper (B.C), Mullen (Ad.C).
6. Kalantzis (S.O), Lowe (Marc), Wade (Juve), Farina (S.C), Smith (Mak), Crainnie (SMH), Koczka (St.G), Fletcher (St.G), Ward (Ad.H), Soper (S.O), Odzakov (S.Cr).

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25. Ollershaw (St.G).

21. Tsolkakis (H) D. Hunter (BL).

20. Lamond (S Cr).

19. Koczka (St.G), Jones (NR).

18. Mazis (Can).

16. Moffitt (St.G), Spink (JUST), Douglas (GC).

12. Palatisdis (Juve), Tobin (Ad.C).

11. Vidmar, Nisicoli (Ad.C).

YOUTH LEAGUE

Victorian Youth League:

Frankston Pines 6 Sunshine GC 1, Brighton 2 Melb Croatia 3, Green Gully 0 South Melbourne 0, Brunswick Juventus 1 Nunawading City 1, Heidelberg 1, Fawkner 0, Footscray JUST 1 Preston Makedonia 3.

Youth standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sunshine GC	15	3	3	58	14	33
South Melb	14	5	3	52	31	27
Heidelberg	12	2	5	38	22	26
Frankston Pines	12	2	5	38	22	26

This weekend's games:
Nunawading City v Heidelberg United at 3pm;
South Melbourne v Brunswick Juventus at 1pm;
Melbourne Croatia v Green Gully at 1pm;
Sunshine George Cross v Brighton at 1pm.



OLYMPIC AIRWAYS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



Croatia back from the grave

Man of the match:
PAUL LEWIS
(M. Croatia)

**Ad. Hellas 2
M. Croatia 2**

Scorers: Dunn 18th, Hristodoulou 22nd (Ad); Abraham 44th, Lewis 52nd (MC).
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 2,500.
Cautions: Brown, Panagis (Ad); McIntosh (MC).
Was the author of the Adelaide Hellas match program making a subtle

Allan Crisp



hint when he placed a rest in peace sign alongside Melbourne Croatia's name in the weekend's games section?

If that was the intention, the play worked for only the first

23 minutes. Hellas drove two giant nails in Croatia's coffin with goals from Robbie Dunn and Lou Hristodoulou in that time, but the visitors came

back from the grave to level 12 minutes into the second half. Lawrie Abrahams, who has a distinct affinity for Adelaide (he scored two goals in his first visit here against Adelaide City Juventus), brought Croatia into calculations with a magnificent swerving free kick a minute before half time.

Then will-of-the-wisp Paul Lewis grabbed the leveler with a brilliant header off a well fought cross from substitute Steve Gojevic.

Apart from scoring, it was Lewis who chased, hustled and generally made things difficult for the Hellas defence, which had to play without the injured Charlie Yankos.

The Socceroo sweeper withdrew because of a hamstring injury which the Hellas camp is hoping will not prevent his playing against Sydney City in the Nanda Cup final scheduled for Hindmarsh Stadium Wednesday on September 17.

Hellas coach Edmund Kreft was angry at his team for letting Croatia back into the game and said his team

played like "donkeys". "We threw the game away — being 2-0 ahead we should have gone on and scored another couple of goals," he said.

"They killed us in the mid-field. They offered us a victory but we didn't take it."

Croatia coach Terry Hennessey said he was happy with the way his team created opportunities to score.

"If you create the opportunities you have always got a chance to score," he said. "Our finishing could be better but, obviously, people don't mean to miss the goals."

There can be no argument with either summation. Lewis certainly missed chances, but the way he got into those scoring positions had to be admired. And there was plenty to applaud about the saves Hellas goalkeeper Gary Sproul made to ensure that his team gained at least a point.

Selemidis steals the points in 89th minute



Craig MacKenzie

**Heidelberg 2
Bris. Lions 1**

Scorers: Tsolakis 38th, Selemidis 89th (H); Drury 11th (L).

Venue: Olympic Village. Crowd: about 2,000.

Cautions: McKie, Pappas (H); Ogden, Liddell (L).

Rever: Arthur Owens 6.

Brisbane Lions kissed goodbye to their last chance of salvaging their National League status but this display by Heidelberg gives it little confidence going into the finals.

Heidelberg's first half was the worst 45 minutes of football I've seen this year. It was

Man of the match:
JOHN OGDEN
(B. Lions)

bloody hopeless, not to put too fine a point on it.

Lions took the lead in the 11th minute when man-of-the-match John Ogden scooted down the left, checked back and crossed to the near post where Brett Drury headed in off the inside of the bar.

Heidelberg levelled in the 38th minute. Claude Lucchesi played the ball inside from the right to Doug Brown whose backheader picked out Mickie Valentine. He got past one opponent then lost the ball in a tackle. It ran loose to Peter Tsolakis who hit a reasonably timid low shot but Evans, looking like a slow-motion replay, slumped to the ground as the ball rolled inside the far post.

In the 44th minute, Theo Selemidis was robbed by Drury. Alan Hunter recovered only to be beaten by Drury who then hurried his shot and Oliver parried. It should have been a goal. Had it gone in it would have been thoroughly deserved, for there only was one team playing football in the first half and that team wasn't Heidelberg.

Two minutes before Drury's blemish (and Oliver's goal save) Ogden won the ball just outside his own area. He played it to Danny Wright, just over the halfway line. Wright cut inside from the left and played the ball forward to the feet of Drury whose first time lay off put Ogden in possession (some of the ball run this) but Ogden shot just wide from 12 metres.

The halftime whistle enabled most of the Heidelberg players to consider their contributions. Brown had had a nightmare; Hunter had twice been caught "fanning around" inside his defensive third; Tsolakis had worn Clarke Anderson like a troublesome wart; Lucchesi had played just three passes before the end of a team meeting; Wilson still was wondering whether or not he'd get brain damage from all the heading he was forced into; Theo Selemidis, who'd prefer to play the ball on the ground, was wondering if he'd ever get the chance to and I was wondering if playing in midfield for Heidelberg was like watching Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl slug it out. You know what I mean. Eyes right, eyes left, eyes right again...

But, lo and behold, Heidelberg played the ball on the ground quite a few times in the second half. The penny finally had dropped.

Mind you, it was a high through ball that sent Wilson on his way in the 68th minute. Evans made a superb save, parrying Wilson's firmly struck drive over the bar. It was Evans' finest moment, come to think of it, it was just about his only moment. He wasn't impressive to put it mildly.

In the 74th minute, Oliver punched clear following a corner. The ball landed at the feet of Jim Morton and his cultured left foot swung it in to the far post. Lions' substitute Dave Richardson and Wright were unmarked. Wright was better positioned but Richardson headed the ball instead, sending it over the bar.

Two minutes later, Alan Hunter intercepted a pass from brother David and galloped upfield before laying the ball off to Brown on the right. Brown hit a fine, low drive which had Evans scampering at the near post to get down and push it wide one-handed.

In the 83rd minute, Lucchesi, who saw a lot more of the ball in this half, won it in a tackle on David Hunter. Frank Liddell charged across and tackled Lucchesi. The ball ran loose to Brown but from 12 metres out he couldn't even get it on target.

Then came the clincher. Tsolakis took a short corner to Stevie Marley who played it back to Tsolakis. Three or four Heidelberg players were queuing up at the far post with Lions defenders milling around in their six-yard box. Tsolakis crossed and Selemidis headed firmly. The ball took a deflection and went past Evans.

A flash of Butler brilliance

Man of the match:
TERRY BUTLER
(APIA)

**Blacktown 0
APIA 2**

Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.

Crowd: 1102.

Venue: Gubbie Stadium.

Scorers: Bertogna penalty 39th, Butler 79th.

Although there was little between the two sides, APIA won because it made the most of its

limited number of scoring opportunities.

In the 39th minute, a relatively simple cross was floated toward the Blacktown goal. Goalkeeper Barry Hoare failed to hold it and the ball bounced free, inviting a shot to be taken. In the ensuing scramble, several APIA players actually tried to put the ball into the net and an equal number of Blacktown players tried to clear it.

Unfortunately for the home side, Peter Willis handled during the melee and after a moment's deliberation, referee Kibbler pointed to the penalty spot. Arno Bertogna, who had been a tower of strength in the visitor's defence, sent Hoare the wrong way to score easily.

In the 61st minute, Peter Denyer rose well to get his head to a Gary Byrne chip but Tony Pezzano was on hand to make a fine diving save at the very last moment.

In the 78th minute, APIA replaced an injured Alex Bundalo with Mark Brady and this seemed to set APIA back on the right course.

Midfield dynamo Terry Butler decided that enough was enough and produced a flash of brilliance. He received the ball from a throw-in, turned, beat three defenders and then slotted his acute-angled shot into goal at the far post.

— BARRY DAVIS

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Man of the match:
STEVE BLAIR
(SM-Hellas)



Peter Desira

**Green Gully 0
SM-Hellas 2**

Scorers: Anezakis 6th, Russell 20th.

Venue: Green Gully Reserve.

Referee: Rob Davies 4.

Cautions: Cannell, McDowall, Quigley, Campbell, Craine.

If anyone was looking for pointers behind the decline in attendances at soccer matches, they needn't have looked further than this match.

Anyone who paid \$6 to watch this drab, dull, sorry affair that could hardly pass for a contest, would have been entitled to ask for a full refund after enduring the most uninspiring match I have seen all season.

Green Gully is a side drained of all enthusiasm and with very few exceptions is just going through the motions having accepted relegation like a meek lamb.

Both the side and the club is in desperate need of a severe shake-up if the slide is to halt even at State League level.

It seems almost eerie nowadays to visit the Green Gully clubrooms — the same place that once was vibrant with expectation as the club strove to get among top company.

It astounds me that Lenny Sharps, who has nominated for

the presidency to be vacated by Guy Spiteri at the end of the year, should say: "Thank goodness we'll be seeing the back of the National League at the end of the season."

Regardless of how insecure the NSL may be — and the interest from prospective sponsors would suggest otherwise — I would have thought that a club's main aim would be to get to the highest level rather than downgrading it simply because it has proved incapable of staying among top company.

Over to South Melbourne Hellas where one would have expected a side still aiming to be in the championship play-offs to produce far better than the fare it dished up on Sunday.

Admittedly Hellas achieved what it came for and practically ended what contest there was inside 20 minutes by getting two goals.

But seeing as how goal difference surely will play a part in deciding places in the top five, one would have expected Hellas to have tightened its grip on the game and really emphasise the difference between the two sides rather than relax immeasurably and practically stroll through a second half in which it threatened the Green Gully goalmouth only three times.

Having got that off my chest, for the record the following

were the goalscoring incidents:

Six minutes into the game Manny Anezakis moved forward and unchallenged was able to meet a Charlie Egan cross from the right to head home his first ever goal in the NSL.

At the 20 minute mark, Chris Andriotis rounded a defender and laid the ball on for Bobby Russell to fire home the second from inside the penalty area.

Green Gully's only real scoring chance came in the 31st minute when Frank Spiteri met David Hogben's cross from the right on the volley only to see his effort well stopped by Peter Laumets.

Seven minutes into the second half Steve Blair rose to meet Danny Craine's corner but Lou Denys did well to fingertip the centreback's header over the bar.

In the 77th minute, Egan miskicked in the box but the ball ran loose to Anezakis whose shot was parried by Denys.

And 10 minutes from the end, the Gully keeper made another good save, this time palming Egan's 30 metre shot over the bar.

Going on that Hellas will really have to lift its game to trouble Brunswick Juventus this week.

For Green Gully, the result established an unenviable record. It has just gone through a whole season without recording a home win.

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GOMEZ, O'CONNOR SENT OFF



● Frank Arok



● Eddie Thomson

**St George 2
Syd Hakoah 0**
Scorers: R. O'Shea penalty
76th, Ratcliffe 80th.
Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 1,550.
Cautions: R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea (St. G).
Sent off: Gomez, O'Connor (Syd. Hakoah).
Referee: Peter Spiers 8.

"Hated the game, but loved the score," was how St George Budapest boss Frank Arok summed up at the end of a dramatic 90 minutes of soccer against perennial rival Sydney City Hakoah last Sunday.

With the scoreline 2-0 in favour of the Saints, it was no wonder that his rival coach, Eddie Thomson, hated both the game and the result.

The result apart, Thomson had good reason to be pleased with the performance of his charges, who looked very clever and polished, indeed while two men down for some 40 minutes.

The match exploded into high drama on the half hour. Up until then it was pretty much give and take in a determined but clean game by both sides.

And then it all came unglued for the Blues, following a lung-

ing tackle by Gomez on Moffitt near the halfway line. A major Donnybrook ensued as several Budapest players sought to retaliate against the Hakoah midfielder, who was saved from an imminent hiding by the intervention of Steve O'Connor.

Gomez got his marching orders for an offence which, perhaps would have been amply punished by a yellow card and as the Saints prepared to take the resultant free kick, the linesman at the opposite side of the field reported O'Connor for allegedly knocking Moffitt. Until then a tower of strength in the Hakoah defence, O'Connor also had to go for an early shower.

One expected the Saints to concentrate from then on a cool and controlled passing game, looking to lure Hakoah defenders out of their territory and breaking through the resultant gaps.

Surprisingly, it was Hakoah

which quickly reorganised its ranks and, frankly, outplayed its rival in important aspects of the game — skill and brains.

The home defence was allowed to push the ball around within its own half, but once into Hakoah territory, tight control and basketball-like zone defence by the Blues was the order of the day.

In counter attacks midfield skills, especially those of Tommy McCulloch, who played a dazzling game, were employed to "hide" the ball and allow extra men to join the Hakoah thrusts towards Greedy's goal.

Peter Scott

Mostly Hakoah was looking for dead ball situations from which to try and score, as it has on so many occasions this year.

In the 48th minute, a curling free kick by Watson fooled the Budapest defence, allowing Lee a header which caught everyone napping but went over the crossbar.

Then, in the 65th minute, another free kick led to Farina blasting in a great shot from 23 metres which left Greedy stranded, but Ratcliffe managed to scramble it off the goal line.

Inexplicably, even with a two-man advantage, the Saints tried to penetrate the Hakoah defence with fairly aimless kicks upfield, instead of concentrating on ball control, passing and moving into the open space. In spite of this it was inevitable that chances would come their way, the question being whether they would

manage to capitalise on them. Well, on three occasions they didn't.

Just as the Saints' fans were beginning to despair, the match winner suddenly loomed.

A De Marigny tackle on Orszagh was adjudged by Referee Spiers to be deserving of a penalty and Robert O'Shea found the opportunity too good to miss.

This wrapped up the match, since Hakoah had no choice but to open up in search of an equaliser, stretching its thin, last line of defence even thinner and it came as no surprise when Ratcliffe landed a beautiful header from a Riccy free kick for Budapest's second goal.

It only remained for the home crowd and officials to heave a huge sigh of relief and

Man of the match:
TOM MCCULLOCH
(Syd. Hakoah)

luxuriate in the knowledge that their place in the finals looks all wrapped up.

In their opponents' dressing room coach Thomson was, by contrast, in a mean mood, claiming that Orszagh's penalty should never have been allowed and, in fact, wasn't signalled by the linesman nearest the incident. He also stated that if O'Connor did hit Moffitt, as alleged, off the ball, when in fact the Saints were preparing to take a free kick, "he won't play in my team again this year".

JUST faces final hurdle

**Foots JUST 1
Makedonia 4**

Scorers: 0-1 Campbell 1st, 0-2 Hoyes 35th, 0-3 Campbell 70th, 1-3 Vukcevic 74th, 1-4 Cole 83rd.
Venue: Schintlar Reserve.
Crowd: 6043.
Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

It's been seven matches since Footscray JUST has won, but victory is of paramount importance against Brisbane Lions in Brisbane on Sunday. Victory would secure top place and the double chance in the finals.

Defeat would cost JUST dearly. Defeat could push JUST down to third place and would cost it the double chance, meaning if it then lost its first finals match, its season would be over.

And if JUST should fall behind in Brisbane, patience will prove more beneficial than the recklessness it showed against Makedonia.

Down 0-2, JUST sent sweep-er Vojislav Vukcevic into attack, meaning the remaining two defenders were sitting ducks for Gary Cole and Sean Lane.

Still, full marks to JUST for its enterprise. And praise in-



Laurie Schwab

deed for the way Makedonia played its game.

Ron Campbell back after a one-match suspension fought with fierce conviction in the midfield and also scored two goals.

His first, in the first minute, prevented JUST from playing its usual counter-attacking game and forced it instead onto the offensive. Makedonia thus was able to play the way JUST usually plays.

Campbell wasn't the only star. Sean Lane and Gary Cole were most impressive up front. Con Opasins was the best of the defenders and goalkeeper Phil Traianedes was faultless.

Campbell got his first goal courtesy of the JUST defence which was trying unsuccessfully to play him offside.

JUST reacted by taking control of the match but Vlatko Belic wasted the perfect scoring chance, set up for him by a through pass from Vlado Stosis.

Lujic ran onto a similar pass from Stosis but Traianedes dived at Lujic's feet. Stosis himself was all set to score, but his shot hit Opasins.

Having failed to take its chances, JUST paid dearly in the 35th minute. Cole played a back-heeler across the box and Graham Hoyes slammed it in, just before limping off to be replaced by Nick van Egmond.

Heys had been carrying the injury even before the match. Cole stormed away on a break in the 50th minute, with only goalkeeper Zoran Nikolic up ahead, but JUST's nearest player, Ljube Petrovski, cut across and dispossessed Cole.

Cole played a fine ball forward to van Egmond in the clear but Tapai arrived quickly to hassle van Egmond and finally dispossessed him at the edge of the box.

Stosis set off on a brilliant run in the 66th minute, and finished it with a short square pass to Vukcevic who cut inside an opponent but shot against the post.

Four minutes later, Lane

sent the ball wide to Stifkas, he returned it to Lane in the middle of Lane's square ball was rammed home by Campbell for Makedonia's second goal.

Traianedes saved from Spink at point-blank range in the 72nd minute, but was helpless against a header from Vukcevic who made the score 3-1.

Cole broke away again, with JUST's defence torn to pieces. He crossed to the far side, where Lane missed narrowly with a header.

Vlado Bozicovski replaced Petrovski for JUST with 10 minutes to go but didn't get a kick before Makedonia scored again.

Stifkas broke forward and waited until exactly the right time before giving it to Opasins on his right. Opasins cut it back to Campbell and Campbell's cross to the far post was nodded in by Cole.

Man of the match:
RONNIE CAMPBELL
(Makedonia)

ROSEBUD BLOOMING

**Inter Monaro 0
Newcastle 1**

Venue: Seiffert Oval.
Crowd: 303.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas (Int. Celestino 20th, 7).

Newcastle Rosebud kept its final five and maybe its 1987 hopes alive in a poor standard game at Seiffert Oval.

Coach Peter Irving derived little comfort from what must have been Newcastle's worst performance this season, and he was particularly scathing in his criticism of the pitch after the game.

"It was always going to be hard work, and the bumpy pitch was against good football," he said. "Both sides made far too many errors, Monaro could have scored a cou-

Man of the match:
BAZ GIAMPAOLO
(Inter Monaro)

ple, but then we could have had three in the last few minutes".

As it was, Newcastle left it late, for it wasn't until the 74th minute that it managed to break the deadlock.

John McQuarrie popped up unexpectedly and caught the Inter-Monaro defence off-balance and then had the easiest of tasks to push the ball past Steve Hoszowski.

Newcastle was in the ascendant then, and Mark Jones was unlucky when his shot along the ground beat Hoszowski all ends up, only to rebound off the post.

Monaro striker Marko Perinovic, sadly out of touch, missed two good opportunities of putting his team back in the game, but later on Sean Ingham of Newcastle was equally remiss with two good scoring chances.

"Now it's all on at the Adamstown Oval next Saturday," said Irving. "We should have a bumper crowd then for the match against St George which will decide our fate".

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A breeze for Croatia

Syd. Croatia 3
Canterbury 0

Crowd: 3,274.
Venue: Arlington Oval.
Referee: Garry Power 7.
Cautions: Barker, Sinos, Zrilic (Canterbury); Rumora (Croatia).
Goals: Odzakov 14th, Arnold 27th and 83rd.
The season's highest home ground crowd for Canterbury of 3,274 saw Sydney Croatia cruise to a 3-0 victory over a second string Canterbury side, with Croatia now certain to finish the N.S.L. season in first position.

Croatia had brought along its home crowd, hopeful of seeing their side secure the top position.
The crowd seemed to be enough to spark Croatia on to



Brett Wilson

victory, with some fine passing and other skills constantly having the Croatians on the edge of their seats.

A bouncing Manis Lamond through ball forced Canterbury keeper Ian Barker to charge outside the box and punch the ball away from a waiting Zelko Jurin.

Barker received a yellow card, and Croatia was awarded a free kick. Zarko Odzakov stepped up to the ball and floated it over the wall and into the left hand corner from 20m out sending Barker in the opposite direction, and taking Croatia to a 1-0 lead after only 14 minutes.

Manis Lamond was creating chance after chance with some fine individual skills urging Croatia on to better things. Odzakov looked dangerous again

when he cracked a shot from 20m out which flew along the ground, but veered away from goal.

Canterbury's chance came mid-way through the first half when a loose pass fell for Nello Borges about 25m out. Borges lifted his head and the ball ended up near the corner post, with Canterbury still obviously haunted by the poor shooting which has dogged them all season.

Some Croatia magic put the visitors further ahead when Graham Arnold flicked aball to Zelko Jurin who replied with the same skill sending Arnold towards goal. He made no mistake from 15m placing the ball hard and wide of Barker.

The constant Croatian attack became too much for Petar Zrilic who gave Croatia another scoring chance by giving away a free kick 10m outside the penalty area. Graham Jennings shot looked the goods

but narrowly sailed over the cross bar.

After the initial onslaught, the Croatian raids became less frequent and Canterbury played a little strong and came more into the game.

Nello Borges raced past two Croatian defenders inside the area but decided to go one step further when maybe he could have shot only to be stopped by Graham Jennings.

The second half opened just like the first. This time Zarko Odzakov hammered a volley which stunned Barker hitting him on the chest and rolling away for a corner.

Burin Zaimi had not given up hope and with speed and skill had the Croatian defence back pedalling for a while but the goals failed to come Canterbury's way.

Croatia hit back as Shane Clinch passed in a cross from the left side of the Canterbury box. Vally Savor jumped for the ball well, but the header was not what he or the crowd was hoping for landing straight

Man of the match:

ZARKO ODZAKOV
(Syd. Croatia)

in the hands of the waiting Ian Barker.

Canterbury's Petar Zrilic put Lelio Borges through but Steve Watson charged off his line to thwart Borges.

Graham Jennings gave Canterbury another chance when he handled outside the penalty area. Spiros Hantzis curled the ball around the wall but Steve Watson had positioned himself perfectly to take the ball cleanly just above his head.

Shane Clinch tried his luck for Croatia when he shot from 25 metres out. The ball flew over the cross bar but Croatia's aggression was bound to pay off.

The flags were waving again for Croatia but this time prematurely. Zarko Odzakov's goal was ruled outside although Manis Lamond seemed to have played him inside.

However Croatia was not to be denied the game from Arnt topped off a fine performance when he chipped Barker to make it 3-0.

Cross too well drilled at the back for City



Ricky Rosso

Bris City 0
George Cross 0

Crowd: 838.
Venue: Vauxhall (BC).
Referee: Terry Sney 6.

The National League curtain came down on Brisbane City's Spencer Park with an uneventful game typical of much of the poor football which has resulted in the on-again-off-again Brisbane club's demise.

As in a final tragic twist, the club's star Irish import Kieran Cooper, one of the few to provide any enlightening sight this season, was stretched from the field in the second half after a heavy tackle.

City's fate has been known now for several months, longer by those willing to admit it. But there was some light at the end of the tunnel in recent weeks with spirited showings, particularly the win over South Melbourne Hellas.

But against one of the best drilled defensive outfits in the league, the Brisbane team could not make headway. And with George Cross equally inept in front of goals when it made its few chances, this match always was going to be a draw.

Cooper was the only player on the field with the ability to turn something into a goal and it was sad to see his departure.

The skilful former Bray Wanderers player had gone close on a number of occasions before he was sandwiched between two George Cross defenders as he raced onto an Alfie Catalano through ball and looked set to break the deadlock.

Early diagnosis suggested a deep cork on his thigh.

On chances, George Cross should have wrapped up the match, but even then those chances were presented to it. Poor defence in the 8th minute left Roger Bain unmarked but he fired his shot over the cross bar. Two minutes later,

Man of the match:

FRANK MENGOTTI
(Bris City)

Bain was presented with an even better chance when City keeper Robert Harrison missed a Tyrone James long throw.

With the goal unattended, Bain failed to control the dropping ball and it was cleared before he could get a second attempt.

Cooper went close with a snap shot shortly after then Bain had a further attempt to put his side ahead in the 17th minute. But this time Harrison was on the wall and tipped the shot over.

From the ensuing corner, there was panic in the City defence to clear and the ball struck Cooper on the arm, bringing loud but unsuccessful appeals from the George Cross attackers.

Cooper was again in the defensive action in the 30th minute when he was one of two City defenders to head consecutive shots off the line. First, a John Markovski freekick was headed away by Phil White then Cooper took a full blast shot from Kevin Innes on his forehead.

City dominated the early period of the second half as George Cross looked a pale shadow of a side that is top five material.

But during this period, with the Brisbane team pushing forward, George Cross was presented with a golden opportunity on the break.

An uncharacteristic error from Steve Perry allowed Markovski to break clean but Harrison made an excellent save to add to what had been a disappointing game for the Melbourne 16-year-old.

Cooper's departure came in the 68th minute and with him went any likelihood of a goal, although Alan Reis toiled consistently as he has in recent weeks.

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B. Juventus 0
Ad. Juventus 0

Crowd: abt 1000.
Venue: Juventus.
Referee: Barry Harwood (WA).

If Footscray JUST finishes on top of the Southern Division ladder as expected it should send a telegram of thanks (at least) to Willie McNally, the Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper.

It was McNally who kept JUST on top of the ladder by setting up a one-man defensive blockade which prevented Brunswick Juventus scoring and moving to the top.

It may also send a letter of



Bob Brian

sympathy to Juventus striker Andrew Zinni, for it was he who suffered most at the hands of McNally.

Zinni might easily have had a hat-trick, but for McNally's bravery and athleticism.

His tale of woe began in the third minute when he was sent through by Robert Cullen. A goal looked on until McNally raced out to block Zinni's attempt.

Only three minutes later, Zinni was through again, this time sent in by Scott Patterson, and again McNally was more than equal to the occasion.

One can only wonder at what was going through Zinni's head as he was certainly the most threatening Brunswick Juventus attacker, but with the luck he was having he couldn't have won a raffle by buying all the tickets.

It wasn't until the 60th minute that Zinni had his third and final chance to get his name on the score sheet. This time he got a good shot in but found his personal ogre waiting to rob him of his moment of glory.

Cullen also brought a great save from McNally in the 55th minute and by the end of the day there were a few sorry expressions on the faces of the Brunswick Juventus players. How could we lose? What

Man of the match:

WILLIE MCNALLY
(Ad. Juventus)

went wrong? As a matter of fact, very little.

Brunswick Juventus controlled the game from start to finish to such an extent that Adelaide Juventus didn't even win a corner and only Sergio Mella and Joe Mullen got in shots worthy of the name.

But the one thing Adelaide can do is give little away at the back and as far as the defence was concerned, it was another impressive performance.

Apart from McNally, Neville Flounders was on top of his job against Patterson and he was well backed up, as usual, by Buggy Nyskohus, who was as untrifled as ever.

But up front there was little to worry the Brunswick Juventus defence.

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Sent off: Sterrey 60th.

Sydney Olympic rose from the depths of despair to humble Marconi before some 3,000 spectators at

Marconi Stadium last Sunday.

Led by the skills of Vicente Estavillo, the tricky runs of Chris Kalantzis and some spirited defence, Sydney Olympic looked by far the more positive and more eager side.

Estavillo, the architect, is a player to fear and admire. His ball control is superb, his passes measured to perfection, his work rate high and his behavior impeccable. He was ably supported by Stuart Johnstone during the first period and to a great extent by Kalantzis and Peter Katholos in the second.

Johnstone was prominent early and came within a whisker of giving Olympic and leader in the first half. Soper laid it on for Johnstone and he crashed his right foot inches wide with James well beaten.

In retrospect I feel that this incident alone gave Olympic players an edge. Playing against an outright favorite and away from home it was not an easy thing to have Tony Da-

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kos out and having to play Soper, Estavillo and Johnstone all suffering from injuries.

Eventually Soper had to be replaced after limping for half an hour and Johnstone who had tried his heart out also had to leave the ground.

However, Simon Brandt slotted into the defensive line-up in brilliant fashion and completely blotted out Rod Brown.

Patalis, far from being as dangerous as Soper did his job well while Peter Katholos, on for the first time, showed flashes of the trickery that had him earmarked for the national team a few years ago.

And it would be unfair not to mention the man behind the sticks — Gary Meier. He made most of his work look so easy.

But what about Marconi — a title challenger a few weeks back, also-rans with one round to go? It had to be one of the worst displays from Marconi I have had the displeasure of watching.

Peter Tredinnick headed an own goal after 39 minutes and what a gem of a goal. Any Olympic forward would have been proud of the effort. Tredinnick's attempted clearance of a Johnstone cross flashed into the net past Bruce James.

As if that wasn't enough, James dropped a deep corner kick by Estavillo to the feet of Kalantzis who slammed it back into the net to make it 2-0.

However, all the cries of "We were beaten by two stupid goals," would not wash with anybody who saw this match.

Oswaldo El Ali was hardly seen, while Rod Brown saw very little of the ball. Mark Jankovic, in place of Wheatley (suffering from a cold) was hardly seen and also received very poor service.

Much of the workload fell on that overworked Carter, Henderson and Geoff Gunning, the only members of the team who functioned with distinction.

And when Lee Sterrey was sent off for his second caution of the match Marconi fell apart. Had Olympic attacked with poise rather than rush for goal Marconi would have been am-

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CROYDON

Another title for Ollerton's men

"My main aim was to win the league. I've never tried to hide that. I've achieved everything I set out to achieve at Croydon and in many ways I consider winning the title this season a far greater achievement than winning it last season."

That's the reaction of coach Peter Ollerton to Croydon's second, successive State League championship triumph. Croydon made sure of the title by drawing 0-0 with Polonia last weekend.

But having established the club as the flagship of the VSF's fleet, Ollerton now seeks greater challenges.

"There's no challenge for me next year at Croydon, in fact I'm on a hiding to nothing. If a chance to get back into National League coaching comes along I'll have to seriously consider it," said Ollerton, who joined Croydon late in 1984 after a stint as player-coach of Preston Make-donia during which the club consolidated its NSL status.

"I've only coached two clubs. I thought that I did well with Preston and I've learned a hell of a lot at Croydon so now it's time to move on. I want to coach at as high a level as I can."

That's sad news for a lot of Croydon fans for it has been under Ollerton

that the club has reached its greatest heights.

The newcomers to the side this season were Jim MacLean, one of the most gifted midfielders in Victorian soccer; Andy Humble, a striker signed from Box Hill after Green Gully made a bold bid to clinch his signature; and Peter Blasby, one of the most experienced and underrated goalkeepers in the State. They were three top-class signings and all have vindicated the faith shown in them by Ollerton.

But let's not forget some of the youngsters who are on the threshold of establishing themselves in the first team. Currently, only Karl Tait is in the first team squad but Darren Cooper and Jason Harbison have tasted first team soccer and Keith Waterman is being groomed as the number one goalkeeper.

Let's find out how Ollerton views the men in his squad:

PETER BLASBY (goalkeeper): "He's worked very, very hard in trying circumstances. To tell you the truth, he's taken a lot of stick this

season from a small section of our fans which I personally find disgusting but to Peter's credit he's made most of them swallow their words, especially over the last few weeks."

KEITH WATERMAN (goalkeeper): "Keith's been in and out of the squad. He's been in the reserves then on the bench for the firsts. He definitely has a future but he'll have to apply himself more at training. Mind you, he's a bricklayer, and it's not easy to do work like that then train your heart out but that's what he's going to have to do to realise his potential."

MARK BROWN (defender): "One of the best markers in the game, in fact he's as good a marker as any I've seen in Victorian soccer. He's

limited on the ball but makes up for that with enormous heart and commitment. He trains the way he plays. He always gives you 100 percent."

STEVE BEECH (defender): "He's a credit to the game. Never any trouble. He's good at everything he does and he'll run through a brick wall for you. It's very, very important to have people like him in your team if you're going to have any success."

JIM TANSEY (defender): "What can you say about Tansey? He's extremely reliable and he uses every bit of his experience. It's so nice to see him sticking a 40 or 50 yard ball to the far post then again, that left peg of his is renowned. He'll take up coaching later on. I'm sure of it and I

expect him to be very successful."

JIM O'REILLY (defender): "A nice, solid centre half and a great guy to have in your dressing rooms. He gets on well with all the lads. He knows his good points and his bad points. He's nothing flashy but he's dependable and he gives you everything he's got."

KARL TAIT (defender): "He's still learning the game and he has to improve his defensive qualities. But he's sharp, very sharp and he's quick, strong and good in the air. If he knuckles down to it he'll make a name for himself."

MATT McDONALD (midfielder): "My right ear's still sore from our last conversation. Seriously though, wee Matt's got a heart as big as the town hall and he's got a hell of a lot of ability. I think rather than just receiving well and sticking the ball about he's going to have to start attacking players more. He's good at it, and he really gets stuck in for a little bloke."

JIM MACLEAN (midfielder): "Jimmy's one of these guys that has to put in a good pre-season because he's thick set but he knows that. It's important for him to be really fit because he's got so much talent and it should never be allowed to go to

© Peter Ollerton has coached Croydon to successive Victorian State League championships in what is a major achievement in a short coaching career. He scored 20 goals in 55 Socceroo appearances and distinguished himself at club level with Ringwood, Wertheim, APLA, South Melbourne, Helios, Marconi, Footscray JUST, Preston Make-donia and Croydon. He currently plays with Fern-tree Gully in the Third Division of the Victoria League.

waste. He worked really hard before joining us early this year from Morwell and I was really surprised at how quickly he fitted in to the way we do things at Croydon. If I went to a National League club, he'd be a guy I'd love to take with me. He's one of the best midfielders around. He's got great vision and he scores goals. He's also got plenty of 'dig' and he's good at winning the ball."

ALEX LIVINGSTONE (midfielder): "A similar style of player to Matt McDonald. On his day, Alex will rip you apart. He's very important to our side. He lacks a little in self-confidence but if he got over that he could play in the National League. He can really hit a ball but he doesn't shoot as often as he should."

ANDY HUMBLE (forward): "He's got to sit down and really work out where his future lies. I think it's about time for him to give the National League a crack if the chance comes. He's come

on in leaps and bounds this season although he still has to work on his skills. He's as strong as a horse and if people are silly enough to hit him they'll get hit back."

GRAHAM FRENCH (forward): "I really believe that the last two seasons probably have been the best of Graham's career. I've got great respect for him. He's showing people now what he should have shown them years ago. He's got back to the basics and he's working hard for the full 90 minutes. He's also scoring heaps of goals, in fact I think that he must have scored close to 50 goals in all matches for us over the past two seasons. And he's also been making goals."

DAVE BROGAN (forward): "He had a bit of a mid-season slump but he's done really, really well in the late part of the season. He's got tremendous close skills and he's one of these guys that you don't mind paying good money to see."

THE LEADERS

Michael Antolos is in his first year as president of Croydon. He runs his own business, Pacific Timber Pty. Ltd.

Sandy Wilson is Croydon's vice-president. He's a former Croydon player and runs his own importing and supplying business, Wilson Penny Pty. Ltd.

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By ANN

Croydon's juniors started in 1968 when the club fielded an under-12 side made up of boys varying in age from seven to 11. Trevor Owen was the club's first junior coach.

In 1969, under 12 and under 14 teams were fielded and since then the juniors have mushroomed at an alarming rate, earning for the club its current standing as having one of the strongest junior set-ups in Victorian soccer.

Let's look at some of the coaches behind these champions of the future:

Roy Howard now coaches the under-14A team. Roy started playing with Croydon in 1959 and has been a junior coach for the past 15 years. That says it all about where his heart lies.

Ward Bellamy plays with Croydon's under-16s yet finds time to pass on his knowledge to the under-8s; Frank Formstrom is in his 8th season as a junior coach and he's in charge of the under-12 team; ex-Scotland youth international Joe Hastie coaches the under-13s and has been in charge of this highly successful band of youngsters ever since they started their careers at under-7 level; Egon Schille, who played with Berlin-based Minerva, coaches the under-15s and in 1985 erased the disappointment of the previous year's try by finally clinching the John Amundson Trophy, an annual tournament held in Bega, NSW; Harry Graper has passed his knowledge and dedication on to the lads he calls "my boys", the under-10s, who have been under his tutelage for three and a half years; while Ted Dilworth, a former senior coach, is in charge of the under-16s and in his job as a staff coach with the Victorian Soccer Federation has enabled many coaching aspirants to leave his clinics and spread the soccer gospel throughout the State.

Croydon truly is fortunate in that most of its junior

coaches have completed badge coaching courses. The youngsters at Croydon are soccer expertise not available elsewhere.

But there's much more to the standard of coaching it enjoys.

One of the mainstays of the club, former president of the secretary, Brian has adopted the seniors and juniors, one of number of years and he always for advice and help on a host-level-headedness are his hallmarks.

Fred Murphy, the junior's to his job. Nothing is too much for a junior player knows and respects Murphy.

Then there's that effervescent enthusiasm knows no bounds innovative ideas.

Every Croydon junior has generous sponsorship of Midland, whose company, Pacific new sets of strips for the 12 junior runs. Michael also is a very biggest supporters of the sports senior players. This scheme involves each senior player who player attends training session any problems the coach or junior player Matt McDonald is attached to.

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10B team; Steve Beech is with the under-11s; Andy Humble
is with the under-12s; Jim MacLean is with the under-13s;
Jim Tansey is with the under-14A team and the under-14B
team benefits from the experience and knowledge of Gra-
ham French and Dave Brogan.

Two of Croydon's outstanding juniors aren't featured in
the picture spread on these pages. I suppose they could be listed
as missing in action. They are Mathew Bouw and William
Hastie, who represented Victoria's under-13s in the national
championships in Western Australia last week. Both are mid-
fielders and are really outstanding prospects. In fact, a cou-
ple of clubs have approached the boys this season in an effort
to lure them into their junior set-ups. If these lads maintain
their development, they're going to have exciting futures.

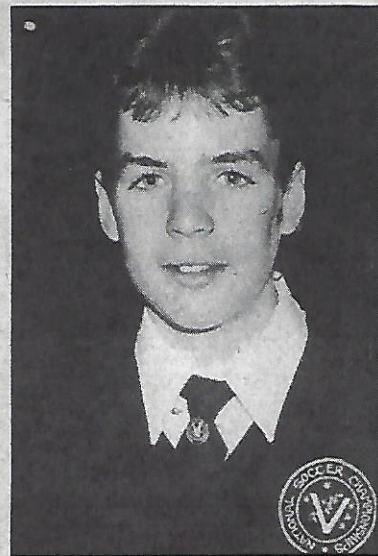
The future also looks bright for John Paul Miller. He's in
his first season as a player but this goalscoring machine has
already notched eight hat-tricks with the under-7s. We're
thinking of entering two under-8 sides next season — an
under 8A outfit and John Paul Miller!

But let's close with a group rarely mentioned, in a good
light anyway, when people talk about junior soccer — the
Mums and Dads.

The ugly parent syndrome isn't a major problem at Croy-
don. That's not merely a reflection on how the juniors are
run. It's also a reflection on the parents whose children are
involved with the club. Most of these parents watch their
sons play then go and watch the reserves and seniors play.
They are supporters in the literal sense of the word. And
they represent one of the real strengths of Croydon's junior
set-up.



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Dorset Gardens complex a stepping stone to the NSL?

Croydon hopes to move to its new headquarters at the Dorset Gardens Recreation Centre in 1988 and the club currently is negotiating a 30-year lease with the local council.

Once established at the Dorset Gardens Recreation Centre, Croydon would be able to mount a strong campaign for inclusion in the National League.

Croydon was formed in 1954 by a small, enthusiastic group of migrants and joined the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1958.

Croydon's first success came in 1966 when, under the coaching of Trevor Owen, it finished second in Fourth Division and was promoted to Third Division. Consolidation on and off the field, including the establishment of a junior section in 1968, enabled Croydon, again under the guidance of Owen, to clinch promotion to Second

Division in 1972. Three seasons later, Croydon, coached by Norm Hobson, clinched promotion to the First Division.

During late 1976 and early 1977 clubrooms were built at Croydon Park thanks to a grant from a co-operative and council backing, not to mention hours of back-breaking work from club members and supporters.

Having its own venue for fund-raising functions enabled Croydon to build the team that won the First Division championship in 1978 by a record, 11-point margin.

With teams being promoted from the Victorian State League to the expanded National League at the end of 1983, Croydon started to prepare for what would be a giant step. Croydon had finished fourth that season with a side most observers believed should have finished higher. Strange then, that the National League promoted fifth-placed George Cross instead of Croydon.

In 1984, the first team squad lost players of the calibre of Ian Dobson,

Paul Wade, Steve Marley, Joe Sweeney, Jimmy Rooney and Gus Macleod. It was no surprise then that 1984 was a very ordinary season.

Things changed under player-coach Peter Ollerton in 1985, the year Croydon won its first ever State League championship and Croydon confounded its critics by making it two in a row in 1986.

Some years ago the local council allocated land behind the Dorset Gardens Hotel for sporting development. Plans for developing the land consistently were delayed until last year when talks between the new mayor and his councillors and representatives of Croydon proved productive.

Croydon's juniors hope to be playing at the Dorset Gardens Recreation Centre next year and the following year the seniors hope to move onto two full-size pitches there.

If Croydon's off-field plans are as successful as its on-field efforts, the club has a future second to none in Victorian soccer.



● Coach Mike Plunkett (back row, extreme left) and his Croydon reserve side, 1985 and 1986 Victorian State League reserves champions. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Mike Plunkett is the man who moulds the stars of the future

Croydon not only has the best senior team in the Victorian State League. It also has the best reserve team and, like the seniors, the reserves are celebrating their second successive title triumph.

Mike Plunkett is the man behind their success.

"I've got an excellent working relationship with Peter Ollerton and he's a good friend too. My aim was to develop boys who could go on and play in the firsts and to introduce the best juniors at the club to senior soccer. Of the 15 or so lads in my squad, 11 or 12 have come up from our juniors. That's a great sign of things to come," said Plunkett.

"One of the lads in my squad, Spencer Field, is 14. Another, Craig Cubbitt, is 15."

It's difficult to get stability in the reserves at any club. Players move between the reserve and senior squads constantly and things are no different at Croydon.

"I haven't fielded the

same side two weeks in a row over the past two seasons. But the effort of the lads has been great and I'm really proud of them."

Let's look at Plunkett's reserve squad and find out what he thinks of his players.

CORRADO NOBILE (goalkeeper): "He played with Croydon as a junior but we signed him from Fawkner this year. His attitude is great, and his handling is superb. He's played for the Australian under-16s and he's got a great future."

CRAIG CUBBITT (defender): "I put him in at fullback because I think that it's easier to play there for a kid. He's got an awful lot going for him."

JOHN BEALE (defender): "An excellent sweeper. John's 21 and I

● Mike Plunkett has coached Croydon's reserves to successive State League reserves championships. Plunkett is in his second stint on Croydon's coaching staff. Under Plunkett, Croydon won the 1978 First Division championship and entered State League for the first time. Plunkett distinguished himself as a player with Sydney City, Ringwood, Wertheim, Mooroolbark, Croydon and Ringwood United.

suppose he's at the stage where he must decide whether or not he can crack it in the seniors at Croydon next year. If the answer is no then he'll have to find another club because he needs the experience at senior level now. He's got great pace and he reads the game very well."

IAN MARSHALL (defender): "Ian's good in the air and he's fast for a big lad. He's had a couple of runs in the seniors and Ringwood Wertheim wanted to sign him this year. He's 20 and in some ways, like John Beale, he's at the crossroads."

CHARLIE VLADIMIROU (defender): "Charlie played in Croy-

don's reserves a couple of years ago then gave the game away. He decided to come back this year and slotted in to our left back spot. He's got really good skills."

JASON HARBINSON (midfielder): "He's fast, he's got a good shot and he's going to be pushing hard for a first team berth next season. He's come on in leaps and bounds and I've got high hopes for him."

WARREN KIDD (midfielder): "He's been at Croydon since he was about seven years old. Injuries have meant that we haven't seen the best of him this year but he's a very, very determined lad."

VINCE VASSALLO (midfielder): "He played for Victoria when he was 15 then gave the game away. He came back last year and played a few games in our youth team. He played really well this year before injury caught up with him."

SPENCER FIELD (midfielder): "What potential this kid's got. And he's held his own in our side despite his age. He's very good in the air and he's got a lot of skill. He's got to learn to relax a bit, to slow it down a touch. That will come."

ADAM BROUGHAM (midfielder): "He's only 18 and I can play him up front, in midfield or at the back. He's very aggressive and he's good in the air."

ROY O'SHEA (forward): "Roy's overseas right now but he's been an important part of the reserves set-up. He's a winger and he's really

good at running at defenders. He's very fast."

DARREN COOPER (forward): "Darren's come up from the under-16s last year and he's already played in the seniors. He's just kept improving right throughout this season. His skills are excellent and he's quick."

JERRY COE (forward): "We push Jerry up onto the last man in the opposition side. Jerry's very good in tight situations and he's got a good turn."

ANDREW ALLAN (forward): "He's a left winger or midfielder. In fact, he's even played as a sweeper, which highlights his versatility. His strength is getting to the backline and getting his crosses in."

PETER BADDOCK (midfielder): "Peter had been out of the game for a couple of years but he works hard and if he keeps at it he'll get back into the swing of things." **SIMON BILALIS** (defender): "In a similar sit-

uation to Peter Baddock, Simon needs to put in a good pre-season and I'm sure he'll do that for next season."

Plunkett's been around the soccer traps in Victoria for some time now but his enthusiasm for the game hasn't waned. But surely, winning the reserves title this year wasn't as satisfying as winning it the previous season.

"You never get fed up with winning championships. At least, I don't know anyone who does."

"There's no use having guys of 25 and over in your reserves. Clubs that do that are going nowhere. Reserves should be about trying to develop local talent to save the club from having to pay big money to get good players."

"When the reserves are winning and when you see kids in your team going on and playing in the seniors, it's an absolutely brilliant feeling, it really is. I don't think I'll ever lose that."

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THE END FOR WILHELMINA?

Ringwood Wilhelmina and Polonia are fighting for their State League lives this weekend in the last round of league games and I'm tipping Polonia to secure its status in Victorian soccer's premier competition.

Wilhelmina and Polonia are locked together on 17 points in second last and third last places on the league table respectively. Polonia has a far better goal difference and faces Caulfield at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. A win to Polonia will condemn Wilhelmina to relegation and that's exactly what I expect will happen.

Polonia will know the size of the task confronting it for 24 hours earlier Wilhelmina travels to Monterey Reserve to face a Frankston Pines outfit

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

ter but the odds are stacked against Wilhelmina.

Polonia's big guns — Gerry Bennett, Aki Kotzamalalis, Rob Nelson, Alex Marshall and Jan Wycislik — can do the business against Caulfield, which has nothing to play for.

The top four battle really has escalated over the past few weeks, so much so that Morwell Falcons, Box Hill, St Albans Dinamo, Pines, Fawkner and Springvale all fancy their chances of making it at the final hurdle.

Falcons have had a remarkable year, one that started disastrously and

could end on a really high note. I think it will. I think Falcons will beat Croydon at North Crinagan Reserve on Saturday.

The reason? Motivation. Croydon already has won the championship whereas Falcons are determined to maintain their magnificent recent run. They've won their last seven games.

One of the unsung heroes of the Falcons outfit is wide midfielder Tony van Baar who has been in sparkling form.

"Tony's been a big factor in our success so far and he's doing a great job for us," said Falcons coach Dave O'Connor.

Melbourne-Hungaria, already relegated, faces St Albans Dinamo at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday. I'm tipping a 1-0 win to Dinamo, after all Melbourne's lost its last three games 1-0.

Northcote should end the season on a high note by beating Western Suburbs at John Cain Reserve on Saturday. Suburbs striker Bobby McGuinness is likely to be operated on over the close season to remedy the groin complaint that has sidelined him for some time, and Dennis McLeod won't be available after being sent off against Falcons last weekend.

Fawkner faces Springvale City at Smith Reserve on Sunday and should end the season on a winning note thanks to the striking partnership of Ian Tuffield and Bruno Cozzella.

Box Hill should beat Tho-

mastown at Wembley Park on Sunday and cement a top four spot. Mind you, big George McMillan and his team mates will have different ideas on the outcome of this one but I think that the Hillmen can win enough of the ball to give Laurie McKinna and Phil Griffin enough chances to decide Thomastown's fate.

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TUFFIELD TOPS

Caulfield 1 Fawkner 3

Scorers: Tuffield 2nd, 71st, Mancinelli 60th (F), Bitsonis 32nd (C).

Venue: Princes Park, Saturday.

Spritely Fawkner showed no signs of fatigue after its hard midweek game against Croydon City as it convincingly beat Caulfield in a game that never reached great heights.

Ian Tuffield, with a headband protecting the six stitches he had inserted in an eyebrow after the Wednesday night clash, led the Caulfield defenders a merry dance all afternoon, ably backed up by fellow striker Bruno Cozzella.

Maybe dance isn't the right word, Tuffield displays all the play-footed elegance of a camel in full flight, with arms and legs sticking out at all angles, but my word he's fast and his certainly effective.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Tuffield was still going strong, knocking the stuffing out of the opposition with an early goal.

The last time I was there, Danny Zemanik did it twice in the opening two minutes. This time it was Tuffield's turn.

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Carcioffi Rangers 4 Zlatna Luka 2

This Donvale semi-final in Group B was exciting from start to finish. An early burst by Carcioffi saw it take the lead with goals by Silvio Sella and Steve Dal Costello.

Zlatna Luka then fought back only to see shots by Ante Pericic and Nino Ragusa go screaming past the posts.

Pressure by Zlatna Luka resulted in a goal by Ragusa who side stepped the keeper and a defender to put the ball into the net.

The second half saw Zlatna Luka with neither team able to capitalize on its chances.

With six minutes of play remaining Zlatna Luka equalised sending the supporters into a frenzy. Their joy was to be short lived however.

With less than a minute to play Carcioffi stole the ball inside their half and a through ball to Dal Costello found him with only John Keran, the Zlatna Luka keeper to beat.

He calmly slid the ball past Keran and repeated this feat with eleven seconds remaining to seal the game for Carcioffi.

Zlatna Luka now meet White Peles in the qualifying final while the Carcioffi Rangers go directly into the final tonight (Wednesday) at Donvale.

White Peles 7

Gippsland Ghosts 4

This second semi-final in Group B was also a thriller. The first game saw the talented Tony Mainenti at his best scoring some beautiful goals.

The Ghosts appreciating skill possessed by their opposition put up a great display of soccer and by the end of the first half led 3-2.

The second half saw the wizardry of Mainenti and his goalscoring ability come to the

Carcioffi in the final, Peles face Zlatna

fore when he put away another three goals along with Carlo Sabidussi's two to tear away from the Ghosts who could only manager another goal.

Goalscorers for the Ghosts were P. Carafa, F. Marchesani with one each and M. Carafa who scored two. Both teams played extremely well and showed why they made the finals.

The Gippsland Ghosts are now out of the finals while the White Peles go on to meet the Zlatna Luka team which always seems to make the finals but never wins. Could it be different this season?

Zobel 13

Master Blaster 2

Donvale League newcomer Zobel showed amazing skill and great goalscoring ability. Its first match was against Master Blaster which was never in the game.

In the first half Ermas Wondimu dominated the game with a double hat trick while Solomon Wondimu scored twice.

The Zobel players knew the court like the back of their hands and the ease with which they scored made them a pleasure to watch.

The second half saw them score another five goals which Master Blaster managed two

through Zakkas and Theodoropoulos.

The game ended with the man-of-the-match award going to Ermas Wondimu who is a player well worth watching.

Adriatic Slickers 7 Disciples 3

The Disciples put up a fairly good show against another new team, Adriatic Slickers, who did not take long to learn the ropes.

Lamers for Disciples showed his usual form by scoring two goals for his team in the first half, but the Adriatic team had veteran Tony Hernandez who was keen to score and did so three times giving his team the advantage in the second half.

The Adriatic Slickers got the feel for the game in the second half when almost all the players scored and the Disciples at this stage would manage only one more.

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Sweathogs 4 Raiders 1

These two teams were evenly matched throughout this game with the score at half time being 1-0 to the Sweathogs.

George Pazaros for the Raiders played an excellent game for his team but could not generate enough team enthusiasm to get the players scoring those important goals.

The second half saw Perry Kofos put away another two for Sweathogs and Theo Pilatsiaris one, while Raiders player George Kalifiori also scored.

Azzurri 8 Peperoncini 2

Azzurri put in what was probably its best game to date giving the Peperoncini side a whipping with eight goals.

The Azzurri team shared their goalscoring ability throughout their team which showed how the team could work together and play an excellent game if they wanted to.

Peperoncini lacked lustre in its game and it needs to pick up its game if it is to win games in the future.

S. Nicotra was the highest scorer for Azzurri with a hat trick to his credit.

C. Mastrante put in a good performance for Peperoncini, but unfortunately the team effort to win the game was lacking.

Bonds 5 Nike 4

Bonds are back and in fighting form as they clinched the game from Nike by one goal.

Peter Papaconstantinou was having an excellent game with a hat-trick in the first half while Katsikakis put away two goals for Nike.

Nike played a very good game with two goals in each half and was unlucky not to win or draw the game. A. Katsikakis was its best player and seems to be a big acquisition to its new line-up.

Kounas and Marasco put a goal away each for Bonds.

The Bonds players had the task ahead of them in the second half as they were defending for most of the time with all their goals having been scored in the first half and the Nike side still scoring in the second half.



● Zlatna Luka, back row: Darren Keren, Steve Sinkovic, Ante Pericic. Front row: John Keran, Nino Ragusa.

Grasshoppers triumphant, Pythons slam Juventus

STANDINGS

Preston League Senior A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Grasshoppers	5	0	0	61	11	15
Preston Pythons	4	0	0	37	10	15
Euronations	2	1	2	45	23	10
Moreland	3	0	1	28	21	10
Goodonya	2	0	2	24	18	8
Nationals	0	1	3	14	24	5
Ugly Juventus	0	0	5	8	54	5
Mutundies Revenge	0	0	4	4	60	4

Preston League Youth A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Makedonian Raiders	4	0	1	38	8	13
United Nations	4	0	0	33	9	12
Olympic	2	1	1	24	14	12
Zaggers	2	0	1	15	6	10
Makedonian Elim	1	1	3	10	31	8
Red Star	0	0	4	12	29	7
Gladstone Raiders	0	0	3	7	22	6

Donvale League Group Two

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Zobel	1	0	0	13	2	3
Azzurri	1	0	0	8	2	3
Adriatic Slickers	1	0	0	7	3	3

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sweathogs	0	0	1	4	5	1
Bonds	0	0	1	1	4	1
Nike	0	0	1	3	4	1
Raiders	0	0	1	3	4	1
Disciples	0	0	1	2	13	1
Peperoncini	0	0	1	1	13	1
Master Blaster	0	0	1	1	13	1

Mak. Raiders 13 Red Star 1

The Makedonian Raiders were in devastating form with Francis Desaubin, Mazda Tosevski and David McKay starring.

Tosevski scored nine goals to increase his lead in the top scorer competition while Desaubin was their next best scorer with two.

It was a new look Red Star team which took the field and they will need more time to adjust to each other.

Mak. Eliminators 2 Olympic 2

It was a very exciting match as the score indicated.

Olympic came back from a 2-1 deficit at half time to equalise near the end of the second half.

George Cavello and Bill Kousidis did well for the Eliminators although Ousidis could have helped his team more had he not held onto the ball for too long.

George Petheridis scored the equaliser for Olympic and was their best player.

United Nations 9 Glad. Raiders 1

United Nations were just too strong for the Raiders who fought hard in this Preston Youth League game but were unable to make much headway. Jim Georgarakis had an outstanding game

scoring eight of his team's nine goals.

He was a constant nuisance to the opposition which didn't have the manpower to combat him.

Christos Antoniou also had a fine game while Paul Castelli and Frank Carriera were Gladstone Raiders' best.

Moreland 10 Mutundies 4

Mutundies Revenge scored its first goals for the competition but again failed to win. Its goals came from Giancos, Pulelino, Koulozelis and Massara.

Moreland seemed to take this game too easily and it put in a very lacklustre performance.

Mark McDonald and Patrick O'Connor did well for Moreland with O'Connor notching a hat trick. Campbell and Tribuzio also scored two each.

Preston Pythons 14 Ugly Juventus 1

With seven goals in each half, Preston Pythons completely ripped through Ugly Juventus to score an impressive victory.

Fortunate Caruall scored ten goals and undoubtedly was his team's best player.

Julia Melo scored two, Jose Ribiero also did, and Ugly Juventus fell.

Sandro Molini had a goal to do during a lot of work his team's game and was his team's best on the night.

Grasshoppers 8 Euronations 2

The Grasshoppers continued on their unbeaten run with a strong win over last year's champions.

This fast and exciting game kept the crowd entertained and they certainly got their money's worth.

John Metaxas increased his lead over Terry Fragakis in the scorers' competition with five goals while Fragakis scored two.

Grasshoppers keeper Steve Di Corrado played well as did Ivan Murador. Gauci and So-teriou again played determined soccer for the Euronations.

Canons shoot down Riviera

game, scoring only one goal in the second half.

Canons 5 Riviera 1

MANU was a marked man for the Canons with their high scorer Spiro Alatsas had no problems in taking the game from Riviera.

The first half saw the Canons leading 2-0 with ex-Eagle player Ian Heaps and Alatsas scoring.

The second half belonged to Alatsas again with two goals to his credit and one to Blantis for Canons.

Kaiser Chiefs 7 Adriatic Eagles 0

The Chiefs had a relatively easy game against the Adriatic Eagles used the game to work out a system and to pick up on all the rules associated with the game.

Smooth Op. 5 Fijiana 3
Fresh from a win in the Na-

no problem in increasing their lead in the second half by another three goals.

Although this was only a practice match the Adriatic Eagles used the game to work out a system and to pick up on all the rules associated with the game.

Smooth Op. 5 Fijiana 3
Fresh from a win in the Na-

tional League, Maurice Bissetto took his team Smooth Operators into a game oozing with confidence, but by the end of the second half the scores were level and the Smooth Operators had come down to earth.

The second half saw the style many have come to expect from these boys as they easily put away three goals to Fijiana's one.

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Ilinden bags nine, Melita wins title

Zlatko Nastevski was the toast of Rockdale last Sunday scoring seven goals at Cook Park to lead Ilinden to victory over Penrith City.

And while Ilinden was making mincemeat of Penrith, Melita Eagles struggled against Freshwater but managed to take the point they needed to secure the 1986 Premiership. Hundreds of spectators stayed on at Melita Stadium after the match to celebrate the Eagles' success but few of them will relish the prospect of having to play the rampant Rockdale Ilinden on September 21 for the right to enter the Grand Final.

Vial falters
Melita Eagles took the honours in State League but not in style. Against Freshwater, the home team took the field unchanged from the previous week and looked odds-on to subdue the visitors, but it was not to be.

Lenny Vial, Melita's hat-trick hero of the previous week, failed to take a chance early in the piece. He was on hand to pierce Freshwater's backline after a pass by Farnsworth but with Smith off his



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

line Vial failed to find the net. Vial provided an opportunity for McFadden some 15 minutes later but his shot was blocked.

Another chance fell to Vial after 37 minutes but yet again the youngster was unable to send in a telling shot.

Then, with 16 minutes to go, Meerbani came forward to exchange passes with Trednick then send his cross over to Farnsworth who dummied for Vial to face Smith. Yet again the shot finished well over the bar from six metres.

The woodwork, a little bit of good fortune and above all Don Smith in goal, contributed to Melita's lack of penetration. Smith was in superb form to deny shots from Vial, Farnsworth (twice) and McFadden when all seemed lost for the visitors. It was the most spirited display by the visitors to date.

Tough draw
An uncompromising battle at Cromer Park failed to excite the crowd, providing few spills and thrills.

Manly needed to win to keep its premiership hopes alive while Avala had to win to survive.

Neither side achieved its goal.

Manly dropped to third place and will have to face Sutherland in the elimination semi this week while Avala is dropping down to a lower level of competition.

Robbie Stuart raised Manly's hopes when he turned one in from just inside the box after only six minutes but Tomistav Radak replied with a very good header after 19 minutes following a corner kick.

Avala looked set to go ahead after 27 minutes when Zoran Filipovic faced Catlin with a penalty kick but Catlin saved to keep the home side in the match.

Bruce Thurlow was Avala's best player during the second period, making some great saves. Paul Marshall and Jimmy Campbell were shaking their heads in disbelief as Thurlow flung himself about to thwart them constantly.

Bass on the bench

Craig Bass spent the first 45 minutes of this match against Uruguay on the bench as young Ferguson was used in his place.

After a goalless first period, coach Dennis Ford decided to use Bass and took Robbie McKegan off.

This move paid handsome dividends with Neale Williamson putting Kurling into the lead after 58 minutes and Bass making sure of the points for the Chasers in the 81st.

Williamson blasted his 25 metre shot under the crossbar after a clearance by the Uruguayans.

Lee Sutherland made an impressive forward move in the 81st cutting through some feeble tackles before attempting to cut his cross into the area.

Rosano's dive only provided an opportunity for Bass at the far post to score from close range, after the keeper parried the

ball to the feet of the Kurling forward.

Nigel Groom saw his header rebound off the crossbar in the 60th and a David Keven shot grazed the post close to the end in one of the most impressive second half displays by the powerful Kurling team.

Polonia sunk!

The slender hope of staying in State League evaporated for Polonia at Seymour Shaw Park after the home side scored through Sharpe and Harrington to pave the way for a hard-fought 2-1 win.

Polonia had to win against Sutherland and hope that Freshwater would be beaten at Melita, but it didn't happen.

Not only did Sutherland make sure of the points through goals by Darryl Sharpe in the 42nd and Mark Harrington in the 78th, but Freshwater took a point from Melita at the other end of town to make sure of its State League status.

Polonia treated this match as its mini Grand Final but had little consolation from a late Jurek Drys goal.

Super striker!

Zlatko Nastevski bagged seven goals against the already relegated Penrith City at Cook Park but the State League's super striker could have and should have scored 10!

However the goals he got were gems and the vocal Ilinden support at Cook Park enjoyed every one of them.

Degney and Jones combined to pave the way for Nastevski to make it 1-0 in the 10th then came some good work by Genovese, followed by two bites of the cherry by Nastevski before he scored in the 15th.

He completed his hat-trick in the 23rd with a typical free kick, bending the ball around the wall and leaving Edwards stranded.

Jan Hunter drew one back after 30 minutes but Nastevski restored the margin in the 37th minute from a pass by Ristovski.

He made it 5-1 in the 58th then 6-1 in the 65th, before Genovese combined with Nastevski to score in the 70th. Then, a Genovese solo saw the scoreline change to 8-1.

Nastevski completed the route a minute later.

The superb performance by Nastevski drew rows of approval from the strong Ilinden support and in his present mood it is difficult to see any team capable of stopping him.

Penrith took its punishment without so much as a whimper and will most probably find Second Division soccer a welcome respite.

Berringer

Larry Berringer decided the issue in the local derby between Macedonia of Wollongong and Fairy Meadow.

An even first period then saw Fairy Meadow dominate during the second half with Berringer getting the winner with his header after 50 minutes.



Zlatko Nastevski top goalscorer

Zlatko Nastevski (pictured), seven goal hero of Rockdale Ilinden last weekend, has won our Top Scorer of the Year competition sponsored by Inway Pty Ltd of Wollongong.

Nastevski will receive \$500 for his efforts.

This is the list of the top sharpshooters in State League after round 22.

22 goals: Zlatko Nastevski (Ilinden).

10 goals: Filipovic (Avala).

3 goals: Drys (Polonia).

2 goals: Hughes (Suth), Kirwan (F.M.).

1 goal: Marshall (Manly), Bass (Kur.), Hunter (Penrith), Pop (Pol), Genovese (Ilinden).

6 goals: Farnsworth (Melita), McLeod (Penrith).

5 goals: Corrigan, Tack (Fr. War), Berringer (F.M.), Farnsworth, Dalton (Melita), Jones (Pol), Nastevski (Ilinden), Hill (Suth).

Bye, bye Manly on Sunday?

Sutherland
Sharks are poised to qualify for the finals at the expense of Manly Sea Eagles at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

Manly has struggled in the last four rounds of the competition winning one and losing two matches while Sutherland has strung together four wins and two draws in its last six games.

Sutherland has averaged two goals a game in that period while Manly has struggled to score.

McIntosh and Allan are struggling to find form more often than not it is Marshall, Dean or Campbell who are found

in goalscoring positions rather than Manly's twin strikers.

Dick, Robin and Catlin are Manly's big guns but Cup-tie football always has been something Sutherland revels in. I am sure that coach John Lavin expects this trend to continue on Sunday.

Much will depend on the midfield battle with Harrington, Lerond, Johnstone and Meades facing Dean, Marshall, Campbell and Stuart.

An evenly balanced event on paper with perhaps one goal separating these teams, most probably at the end of extra time.

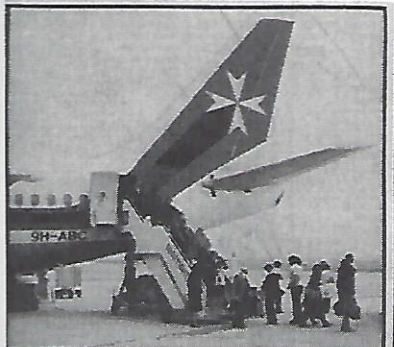
Sutherland also is featured in the second grade elimination final against Penrith a little earlier in the day.

The high-flying Panthers notched 10 goals against Rockdale last Sunday but will have little hope of repeating the dose against the resolute Sutherland defence.

Penrith, though, should go into the semi-finals at the expense of Sutherland.

Penrith also figures in another elimination final, this time at third grade level against Rockdale Ilinden.

Last week these sides drew 0-0, and first time around this year the score was 1-1.



Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

Skypak State League standings										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
MELITA EAGLES	10	9	3	41	13	29				
ROCK. ILINDEN	12	4	6	43	23	28				
MANLY WARRINGAH	10	8	4	26	13	28				
SUTHERLAND	11	6	5	27	17	28				
Ku-Ring-Gai	9	8	5	23	17	26				
Macedonia Woll.	7	9	6	15	15	23				
Freshwater	8	5	9	31	33	21				
Uruguayan	6	9	7	19	24	21				
Polonia	6	6	10	29	35	18				
Avala	6	6	20	21	32	18				
Penrith	6	2	14	31	63	14				
Fairy Meadow	4	2	16	22	43	10				
FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Berringer 50th) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 at Corral Memorial Park.										
FAIRY PARK Krajnovic 7, Maguire 6, Hobbs 8, Berringer 8, Kurling 8, Dummett 8, Kerr 7, Marjanovic 7 (80th White), O'Brien 6, Bell 6, Kiron 7.										
MACEDONIA 6, Robinson 6, Muzik 6, Talevski 7, Sweeney 6, Luskin 7, Wellbourne 6, Satin 7, Bingham 5, King 5, Robinson 5.										
SUTHERLAND 2 (Sharpe 42nd, Harrington 78th) POLONIA 1 (Drys 89th) at Seymour Shaw Park.										
SUTHERLAND Burmore 8, Parsons 7, Terry 8, Burrows 8, Miller 7, Lerond 8 (44th 75th), Meades 7, Barrington 7, Johnstone 6, Hughes 7, Sharpe 6.										
POLONIA Anderson 8, — Chou 7, Kulwicki 8, Robertson 8, Pratt 6, Noble 7 (70th), Gekke 6, Sobczak 5, Drys 7, — Pop 6, Janic 7, Colluso 7, — Farnsworth 7, Ferguson 8, Nile 6 (80th), Campbell 7.										
URUGUAY 0 KU-RING-GAI 2 (Williamson 55th, Iass 81st) at Mona Park.										
URUGUAY Rosano 6, — O'Donnell 6 (80th Priz), Woods 8, Hastie 7, — Masquero 9, Cuba 7, Genc 7, Carrizo 8 (75th Arabelo), Perdomo 7, Calcaires 6.										
KU-RING-GAI Lacey 8, — Keven 8, Quigley 6, Watson 8, Goldsmith 7, — McKegan 5 (46th Bass 6), Sutherland 8, Williamson 7, — Farnsworth 7, — Farnsworth 7, — Farnsworth 7.										
MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Stuart 6th) AVALA 1 (Radak 19th) at Cromer Park.										
MANLY Catlin 7, — Dennis 7, Dick 8, Robin 7, Van Egmond 7, — Marshall 8, Campbell 8, Dean 7, Stuart 8, — Allan 6, McIntosh 6 (45th 70th).										
AVALA Thurlow 9, — Blackburn 7, Brown 8, Steven 8, Divani 6, — Iass 8, Blagovic 7, Jeffery 5, — Radak 6, Filipovic 7, Manno 5.										
MELITA EAGLES 0 FRESHWATER WARRINGAH 0 at Melita Stadium.										
MELITA Pupovac 7, — Lomas 5 (57th Meerbani), McCoy 8, Wilson Williams 7, — Trednick 6, Farnsworth 8, Farnsworth 7, McFadden 7, — Vial 7, Callinan 9.										
FRESHWATER Smith 8, — Watt 7, Sterrey 6, J. Bottalico 6, Berry 4, — Bottalico 7, Dreine 7, Burke 5, Tkachuk 6, — Speranza 7, — O'Brien 7.										
PENRITH CITY 1 (Hunter 30th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 9 (Nastevski 10th, 15th, 23rd, 37th, 58th, 65th, 4th, Genovese 70th, 883rd) at Cook Park.										
PENRITH Edwards 5, — Hutton 5, Campbell 6, Hebb 5, Shaw 5, — smieson 6, Thompson 6, Cross 5, Quarmby 6, — Hunter 6, McLeod 5, — LINDEN Berry 5, — Wilson 7 (Kerbski 50th), Plovsky 7, D. Wilson Rodas 7, — Degney 8, Nastovski 8, Jones 8, — Nastevski 10, — Genovese 9, Ristovski 8.										
Second Grade results: Melita — Freshwater 2-1, Uruguay — Ku-Ring-Gai 4-2, Manly — Aval 3-0, Sutherland — Polonia — 0, Penrith City — Rockdale Ilinden 10-1, Fairy Meadow — Macedonia Wollongong 2-2.										
Third Grade results: Melita — Freshwater 3-0, Uruguay — Ku-Ring-Gai 4-1, Manly — Aval 4-2, Sutherland — Polonia 2-1, Penrith — Rockdale Ilinden 0-0, Fairy Meadow — Wollongong Macedonia 0-5.										
2nd Grade Table										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
ELITA EAGLES	17	4	1	60	18	38				
RESHWATER	12	5	4	44	25	29				
ILINDEN	11	5	30	23	27	27				
WORTH CITY	11	4	7	37	36	26				
URUGUAY	10	5	7	48	37	25				
Manly Warringah	9	7	8	34	25	25				
Uruguayan	9	3	11	30	32	20				
Fairy Meadow	8	11	10	38	39	18				
Avala	8	4	12	39	55	16				
Macedonia Woll.	2	1	17	30	71	9				
Rock. Ilinden	4	1	19	52	8	8				
Polonia	1	1	20	13	125	3				

2nd & 3rd Divisions

Kingsford Olympic has tumbled down the table to fourth spot with its latest loss to Queens Park.

Treated by most as a top title candidate at the start of the season, Queens Park looked doomed to relegation but some incredible displays in the last five rounds saw the club leap frog over Lebanon into the safety of eighth position.

Yugal could do no better than draw with relegated Lebanon but still won the second division title by two points from Gladesville Hornsby.

Second Division results:
Canterbury — Nth Bankstown 0-5, Kingsford — Queens Park 0-2, Lebanon — Yugal 0-0, Blacktown — O-O, Campbelltown — Gladesville 0-1, Artarmon — Dee Why 1-1.

2nd Division table										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
YUGAL	16	3	3	53	25	38				

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2nd Grade (12.45): PENRITH CITY — SUTHERLAND
3rd Grade (11.00am): PENRITH CITY — ROCKDALE ILINDEN

2nd DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

Francis Park (1st v 3rd)
1st Grade (2.15pm): YUGAL — NTH BANKSTOWN
2nd Grade (12.00): GLADESVILLE — NTH BANKSTOWN
3rd Grade (10.30am): CAMPBELLTOWN — KINGSFORD Potts Park (2nd v 4th)

1st Grade (2.15pm): GLADESVILLE — KINGSFORD
2nd Grade (12.00): BLACKTOWN UTD — YUGAL
3rd Grade (10.30am): BLACKTOWN UTD — GLADESVILLE

3rd DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

Cawarra Park (1st v 3rd)
1st Grade (2.45pm): GRANVILLE CHILE — BONDI MARINE
2nd Grade (12.30): MOOREBANK — CAMPBELLTOWN
3rd Grade (10.15am): BAULKHAM HILLS — WEST UTD

Garside Park (2nd v 4th)
1st Grade (2.45pm): ROOTY HILL — NTH RYDE RSL
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3rd Grade (10.15am) — BONDI MARINE — MOOREBANK

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Overseas
First Division: PSV Eindhoven 3 AZ 67 Alkmaar 0, Den Haag 2 Feyenoord 1
Rottterdam 2, Haarlem 1, Den Bosch 3, Roda JC Kerkrade 2 PEC Zwolle 5, Groningen 4 Twente Enschede 2, Veenendaal 1
V.V. Vento 1, Go Ahead Eagles 0, Fortuna Sittard 0, Sparta Rotterdam 2 Ajax Amsterdam 6.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
Feyenoord 3 3 0 14 8 9
PSV 3 3 0 15 9 9
Den Bosch 3 3 0 15 9 9
Ajax 4 9 1 16 5 8
Fortuna Sittard 3 2 2 17 13 8
Sparta 3 2 2 17 13 8

TURKEY
First Division: Akharygus 0 Sarıyer 1, Fenerbahce 0 Trabzonspor 0, Bursa-

sport Kocaelispor 1, Zonguldakspor 0
Besiktas 4, Samsunspor 3 Rizespor 0,
Genclerbirlik 1, Diyarbakirspor 1, Bolu-
spor 3, Alanya 2, Denizlispor 1, Antalya-
spor 0, Malatyaspor 1, Eskişehirspor 1.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
Samsunspor 2 1 0 9 4 5
Besiktas 2 1 0 7 2 5
Kocaelispor 2 1 0 4 2 3
Fenerbahce 1 2 0 2 9 4
Genclerbirlik 1 2 0 2 1 4
Trabzonspor 1 2 0 1 0 4
Akharygus 2 1 1 6 4 3
Sarıyer 1 1 0 1 0 3
Bolu 1 1 0 1 0 3

POLAND
First Division: Lechia Gdansk 0 Stal
Mielec 0, Lech Poznan 2, Jagiellonia
Lodz 2, Legia Warszawa 2, Zaglebie Lubin
1, Polonia Bytom 1, Gornik Zabrze 1,
GKS Katowice 1, Olimpia Poznan 1, LKS
Lodz 1, Widzew Lodz 0, Gornik Wałbr-
zych 0, Slask Wroclaw 4, Ruch Chorzow
1, Motor Lublin 2.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
Gornik Zabrze 3 2 0 9 2 11
Legia Warszawa 3 2 0 13 6 10
Slask Wroclaw 4 1 1 13 7 10
GKS Katowice 2 1 1 8 4 9
Widzew Lodz 4 1 1 7 4 9

HUNGARY
First Division: Tabanya 1, Ferenc-
varos 2, Bekeressza 4, Vasas Budapest 1,
Upesti Dorcas 2, Dunajvaros 0, Szom-
bathely Haladas 4, Eger 0, Debrecen 2,
Siofok 1, Pecs 0, MTK-VM 0, Honved
Budapest 1, Raba Eto Gyor 0, ZTE 1,
Videoton 0.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
Ferencvaros 2 3 1 6 2 7
Upesti Dorcas 3 1 1 10 7 7
Pecs 3 1 1 4 1 7
Bekeressza 2 1 9 6 2

SPAIN
First Division: Atletico Ma-
drid 1, Real Mallorca 1, Barcelona 1,
Cadix 0, Osasuna 0, Sabadell 2, Real
Sociedad 2, Athletic Bilbao 1, Real Zar-
agoza 0, Real Valladolid 2, Sporting 0,
Real Madrid 1, Las Palmas 1, Espanol 2,
Real Murcia 0.

EAST GERMANY
First Division: Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2, Karl
Marx Stadt 2, Stahl Brandenburg 1, Vor-
warts Frankfurt 0, Dynamo Dresden 4,
Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Bismarckwerder 0, Lok
Lobitz 2, Carl Zeiss Jena 1, Stahl Riesa
0, Dynamo Berlin 2.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
Dynamo Berlin 2 2 0 8 3 4 7
Wismar Utd 2 2 0 4 1 6
Dynamo Dresden 1 3 0 6 2 5
Carl Zeiss Jena 2 1 3 5 4 5
Karl Marx Stadt 1 3 0 5 4 5

SINGAPORE
China beat North Korea 2-1 last
weekend after leading 1-0 at half-time to
maintain its unbeaten record and win
the national Under-18 Soccer Cup
tournament.

Striker Din Gueorgiev gave China the
lead in the 12th minute with a well-
timed shot in front of the goalmouth that
had keeper Kim Chung completely
beaten.

Kim Pung Il equalised in the 50th
minute but China's Ma Lin scored what
turned out to be the winning goal three
minutes later.

North Korean skipper Kim Jong Man,
the tournament's leading scorer with
seven goals, had an opportunity to add
to his total in the 70th minute but
missed.

Several North Korean players were
warned for rough play and in the 70th
minute Yu Song Chol was given his
marching orders for repeatedly protest-
ing against the referee's decisions.

WEST GERMANY
First Division: FC Hamburg 3 Fortuna
Duisdorf 1, Blau-Weiss Berlin 1,
Werder Bremen 4, Waldhof Mannheim
2, Cologne 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Kar-
lsruher SC 2, Stuttgart 4, Schalke 0,
Bayer Uerdingen 2, Borussia Dortmund
4, Bayer Leverkusen 2, Nurnberg 0,
Bayern Munich 3, Hamburg 1, Bochum 1,
Borussia Moenchengladbach 1.

Standings
W D L F A P I
Bayer Leverkusen 4 1 0 15 3 9
Bayern Munich 4 1 0 13 4 9
Werder Bremen 4 0 1 12 8 8
Hamburg 3 1 1 10 7 7
Stuttgart 2 2 1 13 6 6
Kaiserslautern 2 2 1 11 6 6
Borussia Dortmund 2 2 1 10 6 6
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 2 1 8 4 6
Waldhof Mannheim 3 0 2 8 8 6
Bayer Uerdingen 2 3 1 9 0 5
Bochum 2 2 2 11 5 5
Schalke 1 1 3 7 13 3
FC Hamburg 1 3 3 4 11 3
Fortuna D/Sort 0 2 3 5 10 2
Fortuna D/Sort 0 1 4 7 13 1
Nurnberg 0 1 4 2 12 1
Cologne 0 1 4 2 12 1

AUSTRIA
First Division: Vienna 0 LASK Linz 2,
Austria Klagenfurt 0, Eisenstad 0, Ad-
mira Wacker 2, FC Tirol 0, Rapid Vienna
2, GAK Graz 0, Sturm Graz 0, Austria
Vienna 2, VOEST Linz 2, Vienna Sport-
club 4.

Leading Standings
W D L F A P I
FC Tirol 2 0 0 6 2 6
Austria Vienna 7 1 2 29 15 15
LASK Linz 7 1 2 16 11 15
Wacker 5 4 1 31 15 14
Eisenstad 7 2 2 18 18 18

BRITAIN
English Division One: Arsenal 0 Tol-
lerton 1, Peterborough 1, Aldershot 1,
1 Norwich 2, Chelsea 1, Luton 3,
Everton 0, Queens Park Rangers 0,
Leicester 1, Manchester United 1, Man-
chester City 0, Coventry 1, Newcastle 2,
Sheffield United 3, Southampton 1, Man-
chester Forest 3, Watford 0, Wimbledon 1,
West Ham 2, Liverpool 5.

English Division Two: Barnsley 0
Portsmouth 2, Blackburn 6, Sunderland
1, Bradford 0, Oldham 3, Brighton 0,
Grimsey 1, Derby 1, Crystal Palace 0,
Huddersfield 1, Leeds 1, Hull 0, Plymouth
3, Ipswich 1, Shrewsbury 0, Reading 1,
Preston 1, 1, Sheffield United 1,
Birmingham 1, Stoke 2, Millwall 0.

English Division Three: Blackpool 1
Cardiff 2, Bolton 4, Darlington 3, Brent-
ford 0, Port Vale 2, Bristol City 2, Wigan
1, Chester 2, Fulham 2, Middlesbrough
3, Burnley 1, Newport 2, Swindon 2,
Lincoln 1, Bournemouth 1, Rotherham 0,
Gillingham 1, Walsall 1, Doncaster 3,
York 1, Bristol Rovers 0.

English Division Four: Exeter 4
Stockport 2, Harefield 2, Cambridge United
2, Hereford 2, Burnley 0, Lincoln 1, Pres-
ton 1, Peterborough 1, Aldershot 1,
Rochdale 1, Northampton 2, Swansea 4,
Oxford 1, Wolverhampton 0, Cardiff 1,
Hendon 0, Southend 1, Trarnmere 3, Col-
chester 4.

Scottish Premier Division: Celtic 4
Hamilton 1, Dundee 0, Dundee United 2,
Falkirk 1, Hibernian 1, Hearts 2, Cyde-
bank 1, Motherwell 0, Rangers 2, St Mir-
ren 1, Aberdeen 1.

Scottish Division One: Airdrieonians 1
Partick 0, Clyde 1, Montrose 1, Dum-
barton 3, Brechin 1, East Fife 1, Morton 0,
Forfar 1, Queen of the South 1, Kilmarn-
ock 1, Queen's Park 1, Dundee 1, Dundee
United 1, Aberdeen 1.

Scottish Division Two: Albion 3
Aberdeen 0, Albion 2, Stenhousemuir 0, Ayr
2, Brechin 2, East Stirling 3, Stranraer 0,
Meadowbank 0, Queen's Park 0, Raith 0,
Stirling 0, St Johnstone 1, Cowdenbeath 0.

Southern League Premier Division:
Cambridge City 2, Redditch 1, Folke-
stone 1, Bromsgrove 0, Gosport 2, Bed-
worth 0, King's Lynn 0, Dartford 1,
Widney 1, Corby 0, Worcester 1, Crawley 4.

Northern Ireland League: Ards 2
Linfield 1, Carrick 0, Portadown 0, Crusad-
ers 1, Newry 3, Distillery 1, Larne 2,
Glennavon 0, Cliftonville 0, Glendon 4,
Bangor 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE
W D L F A P I
Wimbledon 4 0 8 7 12 12
Liverpool 3 0 1 10 5 10
Nott Forest 3 1 1 10 5 10
Queens P.R. 3 1 1 7 7 10
Everton 1 3 0 8 4 9
Norwich 2 2 0 8 6 8
Leeds 2 2 1 7 5 8
Tottenham 2 2 1 7 5 8
Coventry 2 2 1 4 3 8
Aston Villa 2 1 2 7 4 7
Arsenal 2 1 2 7 4 7
West Ham 2 1 2 7 4 7
Southampton 2 2 0 12 10 6
Man. City 1 2 2 5 5 5
Sheff Wed 2 1 4 4 5 5
Sheff Utd 1 2 2 4 4 5
Wolves 1 1 2 6 5 4
Charlton 0 3 2 2 6 3
Chelsea 0 2 3 4 5 10 3
Newcastle 0 2 3 3 8 8
Man. Utd 0 1 3 3 6 1

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO
W D L F A P I
Oxford 4 1 0 7 0 13
Blackburn 3 0 6 14 9 9
Crystal Palace 3 0 6 14 9 9
Partsmouth 2 2 0 5 1 8
Birmingham 2 2 0 5 1 8
Sheff Wed 2 2 0 5 1 8
West Bromwich 2 2 1 4 4 8
Plymouth 2 2 1 0 6 2 7
Leeds 2 2 1 0 6 2 7
Hull 2 2 1 0 3 5 7
Millwall 2 2 0 3 3 5 6
Brighton 2 2 0 3 3 5 6
Gillingham 2 2 0 3 3 5 6
Grimsby 2 2 0 3 3 5 6
Ipswich 2 2 0 3 3 5 6
Derby 1 1 1 3 4 4 4
Sheff Utd 1 1 1 3 4 4 4
Sunderland 1 1 1 3 4 4 4
Bradford 0 2 3 4 9 2
Reading 0 2 3 4 9 2
Shrewsbury 0 2 1 1 3 1
Huddersfield 0 2 1 1 3 1
Barnsley 0 2 1 1 3 1

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE
W D L F A P I
Middlesbrough 2 1 0 7 3 7
Fork 2 1 0 6 3 7
Notts County 2 1 0 5 2 7
Gillingham 2 1 0 4 2 7
Doncaster 2 0 0 4 1 6
Bristol Rovers 2 0 1 4 1 6

Port Vale 1 2 0 6 5 5
Carlisle 1 2 0 6 5 5
Bristol City 1 2 0 6 5 5
Bournemouth 1 2 0 6 5 5
Cheshfield 1 1 0 3 2 4
Swindon 1 1 0 3 2 4
Blackpool 1 1 0 2 2 4
Chester 1 1 0 2 2 4
Walsall 1 0 2 3 3 3
Darlington 1 0 2 3 3 3
Fulham 0 2 1 2 3 2
Rotherham 0 2 1 2 3 2
Bury 0 2 1 2 3 2
Newport 0 1 2 4 6 1
Brentford 0 0 3 1 6 0
Wigan 0 0 3 1 6 0
Walsall 0 0 3 1 6 0

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR
W D L F A P I
Exeter 2 1 0 6 1 7
Hereford 2 1 0 5 3 7
Cambridge 2 1 0 5 3 7
Northampton 2 1 0 5 3 7
Swansea 2 1 0 5 3 7
Preston 1 2 0 4 3 3
Cardiff 1 2 0 2 1 5
Trarnmere 1 1 1 3 2 4
Peterborough 1 1 1 3 2 4
Colchester 1 1 1 3 2 4
Burnley 1 1 1 3 2 4
Southend 1 1 1 3 2 4
Hartlepool 0 3 0 4 4 3
Wolverhampton 0 1 2 3 4 3

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
W D L F A P I
Aldershot 5 1 0 11 3 9
Celtic 4 1 1 11 3 9
Hibernian 4 1 1 11 3 9
Rangers 4 0 2 9 6 6
Dundee 3 0 3 6 6 6
Cydebank 2 1 2 4 5 5
Motherwell 1 3 2 5 5 5
Falkirk 1 2 3 4 6 4
Hibernian 1 3 3 3 8 3
Hamilton 0 6 2 13 0

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE
W D L F A P I
Aldershotians 4 2 0 9 2 10
Dumfries 4 0 2 11 6 8
Queen of South 4 0 2 11 6 8
East Fife 2 2 8 12 3 2
Forfar 2 2 8 12 3 2
Kilmarnock 2 1 3 12 10 5
Morton 2 1 3 10 9 5
Clayton 0 4 2 4 9 4
Partick 0 3 3 4 9 3
Brechin 0 1 5 3 15 1

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO
W D L F A P I
Altona 5 0 8 11 4 10
Stirling 4 1 3 9 8 9
Raith 3 3 0 9 7 7
Meadowbank 2 3 1


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SOUTHERN DIVISION—ROUND 22—13/14 SEPTEMBER

BRISBANE LIONS vs FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

 Richlands
Sunday 3pm

YOUTH GAME:
Fawkner vs Footscray


RADE BARJAKTAREVIC

ADELAIDE CITY vs HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

 Olympic Sports Field
Sunday 2.30pm

YOUTH GAME:
Nunawading vs Heidelberg


PAUL SHILLABEER

STH. MELB. HELLAS vs BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

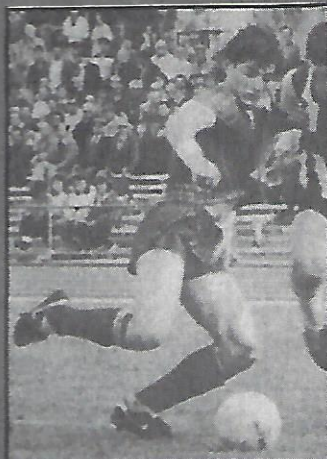
 Middle Park
Sunday 3pm

YOUTH GAME:
Hellas vs Juventus


YAKA BANOVIC

MELBOURNE CROATIA vs GREEN GULLY

 Olympic Park No. 1
Sunday 3pm

YOUTH GAME:
Croatia vs Green Gully


COSTA THEODOSOPOULOS

GEORGE CROSS vs ADELAIDE HELLAS

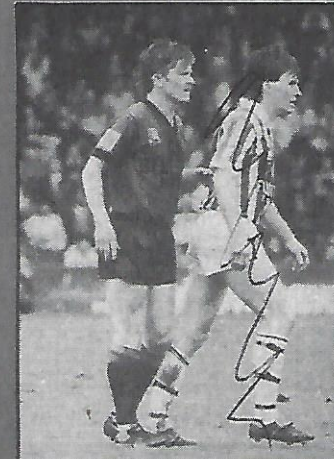
 Chaplin Reserve
Sunday 3pm

YOUTH GAME:
George Cross vs Brighton


TYRONE JAMES

PRESTON MAKEDONIA vs BRISBANE CITY

 Connor Reserve
Sunday 3pm

YOUTH GAME:
Preston vs Frankston Pines


GRAHAM HEYS

NORTHERN DIVISION

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs ST GEORGE
Adamstown Oval, Saturday 7.00pm

A.P.I.A. vs CANTERBURY
Lambert Park, Sunday 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs BLACKTOWN CITY
Pratten Park, Sunday 3pm

CANBERRA CITY vs MARCONI
Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3pm

SYDNEY CITY vs WOLLONGONG CITY
Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA vs INTER MONARO
Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday 3pm

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